

Studies Compilation

2018 Legislative Interim Study Information

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Overview. This is a compilation of studies and studies-related information, including legislative appointments, mandated reports by the executive branch, and major state board and commission changes, for consideration by the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council. Except for the list of executive branch studies, items are listed in bill or resolution order. Attached to the compilation is an appendix containing the original legislation or document that caused the item to be included. Each appendix item is marked to correspond with the listing number in this document; for example, item 1 under part A is marked as A-1.

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A. Mandated or Authorized Legislative Studies in Code or Session Law

1. The **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee consists of five legislators from each chamber appointed by the Legislative Council. Duties include approving annual estimates of the cost of tax expenditures by December 15 each year and performing a scheduled review of specified tax credits. During the 2018 Legislative Interim, the committee is set to review the child and dependent care and early childhood development tax credits, the endow Iowa tax credits, the redevelopment tax credits, and property tax revenue divisions for urban renewal areas. (Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48)
2. The **Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee** is required to be composed of 10 members of the General Assembly appointed by the Legislative Council and is required to meet at least two times annually during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and to make recommendations. (Iowa Code §2.45(6))

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish a 10-member interim study committee during

the 2018 Legislative Interim to analyze the viability of the **mental health and disability services funding**, and to submit findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 15, 2019. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §19)

2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee to meet during the 2018 Legislative Interim to review challenges faced by small cities in complying with **clean water standards**. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2019 Legislative Session. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §16; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §25)

C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Adopted or Filed Resolutions

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish a multistakeholder interim study committee in 2018 to identify **compensation enhancement strategies for the direct care workforce** and to submit a report to the General Assembly by December 20, 2018. (HR 117, Filed but not Adopted)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim study committee in 2018 to develop a strategic plan regarding the feasibility, timeline, and costs of implementing or expanding **renewable energy usage in state buildings and facilities** and make recommendations, if appropriate, to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019. (HR 120, Filed but not Adopted)
3. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee in 2018 to study the impact of requiring the Department of Human Services, rather than private agencies, to assume the responsibility for **recruiting and retaining foster parents and adoptive parents** and to submit any appropriate recommendations in a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. The resolution makes specific requests related to committee membership. (SR 101, Filed but not Adopted)
4. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee in 2018 to study the state of **education in the arts in Iowa** for purpose of aligning arts education programs in Iowa with the fine arts standards adopted by the Board of Education and with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act and to submit findings and recommendations in a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019. The resolution makes specific requests related to committee membership. (SR 112, Filed but not Adopted)

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish an interim committee in 2018 to study the **Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE)** sales tax and usage in Iowa and make recommendations regarding the future of the program. The study shall include examining the best way to utilize SAVE, property tax relief, increased voter participation in building projects, limitations on SAVE building projects, the current status of school infrastructure in Iowa, and whether or not SAVE should be extended. The committee shall make recommendations based on the results of the study by December 15, 2018. (Letter from Senator Amy Sinclair, Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Senator Dan Dawson, Representative Walt Rogers, Representative Cecil Dolecheck, and Representative Ashley Hinson to the Legislative Council)

dated May 22, 2018)

E. Special Directives or Executive Branch Studies Involving Legislative Appointments

Administration and Regulation-Related Items

1. The Auditor of State is required to perform an **agreed-upon procedures engagement** of the Department of Justice to identify sources and uses of discretionary funds of the department, and file a written report of the auditor's findings and recommendations with the Governor and the General Assembly by February 1, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §1(4))
2. The Department of Management, in consultation with the judicial branch, was required to submit a report regarding **appropriation reductions in the judicial branch** to the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency within 15 days of March 28, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2117, §1(2))
3. The **Auditor of State** is required to notify the Department of Management, the Legislative Fiscal Committee, and the Legislative Services Agency if **additional full-time equivalent positions** are retained to perform reimbursable audits. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §2(2))
4. The **Utilities Division** of the Department of Commerce is required to notify and file legislative and regulatory justification with the Department of Management, the Legislative Services Agency, and the Legislative Fiscal Committee on **additional expenditures** in excess of the moneys budgeted for regulation. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §5(2)(d))
5. The Department of Inspections and Appeals, in coordination with the Investigations Division, is required to submit a report to the General Assembly concerning the division's activities relative to **fraud in public assistance programs** for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, to be submitted by December 1, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §10(3))
6. The Department of Inspections and Appeals is required to provide an annual report to the Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency on certain **fees billed and collected and expenditures from moneys retained by the department**. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416 §11(4))

Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items

7. The Department of Natural Resources is required to file a written report with the Natural Resource Commission and the General Assembly regarding an **evaluation of license fees** established by the commission and any recommendations for changes by December 15 of each year on and after December 15, 2019. (Iowa Code §483A.1; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 631, §1)
8. The **Environmental Protection Commission** is required to submit a biennial report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the accomplishments and status of programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources and recommendations for legislative action. (Iowa Code §455B.105(5); 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2303, §2)
9. The **State Geologist** is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General

Assembly regarding the work of the preceding year. (Iowa Code §456.7; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2303, §15)

10. The Department of Natural Resources is required to report to the Committees on Government Oversight regarding the amount of the proceeds deposited to the **State Fish and Game Protection Fund** from the sale of condemned property by December 31, 2018, and by December 1 each year thereafter. The report shall also include information regarding property seized by the Department. (Iowa Code §483A.33(5); 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2342, §8)
11. The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is required to submit a report each quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated supporting the **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's administration, regulation, and programs**. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2491, §1(3))
12. The Department of Natural Resources is required to submit a report each quarter of the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated supporting the **Department of Natural Resources' administration, regulation, and programs**. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2491, §11(3))
13. The Department of Natural Resources is required to submit a report regarding financial assistance provided to private entities for the acquisition of land and an inventory of all **land managed or owned on behalf of the state by the Department** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2502, §44)
14. The Iowa Finance Authority is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly itemizing expenditures under the **Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program** in the previous fiscal year, if any, by October 1 of each year. (Iowa Code §16.134(7); 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512 §4(7))
15. The Iowa Finance Authority is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly itemizing expenditures under the **Water Quality Financing Program** in the previous fiscal year, if any, by October 1, 2019, and by October 1 of each year thereafter. (Iowa Code §16.144; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §6; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §8)
16. The Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly itemizing expenditures under the **Water Quality Agriculture Infrastructure Programs** in the previous fiscal year, if any, by October 1, 2019, and by October 1 of each year thereafter. (Iowa Code §466B.43; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §14; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §23)
17. The Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly itemizing expenditures under the **Water Quality Urban Infrastructure Program** in the previous fiscal year, if any, by October 1, 2019, and by October 1 of each year thereafter. (Iowa Code §466B.44; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §15; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §24)

18. The Department of Natural Resources is required to prepare and submit an annual report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the House Committee on Natural Resources by December 31 of each year reviewing **fees established by the department for camping and use of rental facilities** and other special privileges at state parks and recreation areas. (Iowa Code §455A.14; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2389, §1)

Economic Development, Workforce, and Commerce-Related Items

19. The Workforce Development Board is required to compile an annual report regarding **student scholarships and grants, volunteer mentor agreements, employment outcomes, and other data**. The Department of Workforce Development shall submit the initial report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2021, and by January 15 annually thereafter. (Iowa Code §84A.1B(13B); 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2458, §7)

20. The Economic Development Authority and the Department of Revenue are required to submit a joint annual report to the General Assembly concerning loans and other financial assistance awarded to a person during the prior fiscal year by the Authority under an **economic development program administered by the Authority** by November 1 of each year. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §4)

21. The State Board of Regents is required to submit an annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Legislative Services Agency regarding programs funded with money appropriated from the **Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund** by January 15 of each year. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §12(1)(b)(1))

22. The **Iowa State University of Science and Technology** is required to report annually to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development and the Legislative Services Agency information regarding private contributions, including the total amount of private contributions, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §12(1)(b)(2))

23. The independent investigators selected to conduct an investigation of the Iowa Finance Authority shall submit a report to the General Assembly with a summary of the results of the independent investigator's **financial and sexual harassment investigations of the Authority** by December 1, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §17)

24. The Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce is required to conduct a biennial evaluation concerning **minimum coverage requirements of dramshop liability insurance**. The Division shall submit its report, including findings and recommendations, to the General Assembly by January 31, 2019, and every two years thereafter. (Iowa Code §505.33; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2502, §52)

25. The Economic Development Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation and the Iowa utility industry, is required to report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by June 30, 2019, related to a study of **electric vehicle infrastructure support**. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2311, §19)

26. The **Department of Management** is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and

the General Assembly by November 1 following the close of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, until the occurrence of certain financial triggers. The report shall identify the **net general fund revenues for the fiscal year** and include a detailed description of the net general fund revenues calculation. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2417, §133)

Education-Related Items

27. The Department of Education is required to report to the General Assembly its findings and recommendations regarding the continued delivery of **educational instruction and course content delivered primarily over the Internet** by January 15 annually. (Iowa Code §256.7(32); 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 475, §3)
28. The area education agencies, in collaboration with the community colleges and the Department of Education, are required to convene a working group to identify effective means by which students may access **educational content online**. The working group shall submit its findings to the General Assembly by October 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2131, §3)
29. The Dyslexia Response Task Force, convened by the Department of Education, is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 15, 2019, relating to **dyslexia response**. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2360, §1(3))
30. The Department of Education is required to submit a report to the General Assembly detailing **the department's antibullying programming** and current and projected expenditures for such programming for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, by January 15, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §4(1))
31. The Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division is required to submit a report to the General Assembly on the division's outreach efforts with **community rehabilitation program providers** by January 15, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §4(3))
32. The State Board of Regents is required to submit a monthly financial report to the Legislative Services Agency. The report submitted in December 2018 shall include the **five-year graduation rates** for the regents universities. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §6(1))
33. The College Student Aid Commission is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly with specified information relating to the **Health Care Loan Repayment Program** by January 1 of each year. (Iowa Code §261.116; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §20)

Health-Related Items

34. The Department of Public Health is required to regularly report the status of requests to the United States Department of Agriculture for waivers from regulations relating to the **sale of eggs** by grocery stores participating in federal food programs to the Legislative Services Agency. (Iowa Code §135.16A; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2408, §1)
35. The Department of Public Health and Department of Education are required to convene a **Student Health Working Group** to review state-initiated student health requirements. The working group shall submit a uniform enforcement framework, findings, and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 475, §14)

36. The Department of Public Health is required to track and report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs, any reduction in the provision of nicotine replacement products realized by the **Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Initiative**. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(1)(a))
37. The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, is required to engage a stakeholder workgroup to review reimbursement provisions applicable to **substance use disorder services providers** and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(1)(d))
38. The **Child Vision Screening Program** is required to submit a report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs, regarding the use of funds allocated to the program for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(4)(a))
39. A **nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization** receiving grant moneys from the Department of Public Health is required to submit a report to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs regarding the use of grant funds. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(4)(l))

Human Services-Related Items

40. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a report regarding options for the **payment of nursing facility room and board expenses** for dually-eligible Medicare and Medicaid members receiving the Medicare hospice benefit to the chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Legislative Services Agency, and the legislative caucus staffs on or before October 1, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2309, §1)
41. The Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health and other specified entities, is required to review certain **commitment processes** and report recommendations for improvements in the processes and any amendments to law to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §17)
42. The Departments of Human Services and Inspections and Appeals and other specified entities are required to review the role of **tertiary care psychiatric hospitals** relating to mental health services and report recommendations for providing tertiary psychiatric services to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 30, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §18)
43. The Department of Human Services is required to review the **reimbursement rates for assertive community treatment** and report recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §21)
44. The Department on Aging is required to submit a design plan for a **pilot initiative to provide long-term care options counseling** for certain non-Medicaid eligible consumers to return to their community following a nursing facility stay to the Governor and the General Assembly by

December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §4)

45. The Department of Human Services is required to convene a workgroup to review opportunities to increase state engagement in the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Program**. The workgroup shall submit a report of its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §12)
46. The Department of Human Services is required to convene the **Tiered Rate Provider Workgroup** previously convened in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to review actuarial findings and make recommendations. The workgroup shall submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and comments to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §20(25))
47. The Department of Human Services is required to submit a report regarding **Medicaid fee schedules** as compared to Medicare fee schedules or other similar reimbursement methods to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 15, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §20(26))
48. The Department of Human Services is required to submit the strategic plan to create and implement a **children's mental health system** submitted to the Governor by the Children's System State Board to the General Assembly by November 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §36(8))
49. The Department of Human Services is required to convene a workgroup to study **mandatory reporter training and certification requirements**. The workgroup shall submit a report with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §92)
50. A county with a population of more than 300,000 that has transferred funds from any fund to the **Mental Health and Disability Regional Services Fund** for the purposes of providing mental health and disability services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, is required to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding such transfers by September 1, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §109)
51. The Department on Aging, Department of Human Services, Department of Inspections and Appeals, and Department of Corrections are required to submit a joint report regarding **geriatric patient housing**, including registered sex offenders who are sexually aggressive. The departments shall submit the report, including recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §117)
52. The Department of Human Services is required to report any **transfer of appropriations made to specified institutions**, including the state resource centers, the state mental health institutes, the state training school, and the civil commitment unit for sexual offenders, to the Legislative Services Agency within 30 days of the beginning of the next fiscal quarter. (Iowa Code §218.6; 2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §121)
53. The Department of Human Services is required to engage an external quality review vendor to review a random sample of **decreased level of care determinations** and report the findings of the review to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(2)(c))

54. The Department of Human Services is required, on a biannual basis, to submit a report regarding all **Medicaid member appeals that have been dismissed, withdrawn, or overturned** to identify negative patterns or trends to the Governor and the General Assembly. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(2)(d))
55. The Department of Human Services is required to convene a workgroup to review **health home programs**. The department shall submit a report of the workgroup's findings, recommendations, and any actions taken to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(3)(a))
56. The Department of Human Services is required to engage an independent review organization to perform an audit of a random sample of **small dollar claims** paid to or denied Medicaid long-term services and supports providers during the first quarter of the 2018 calendar year. The department shall submit a report of the findings of the audit to the Governor and the General Assembly by February 1, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(3)(c))
57. The **Executive Committee of the Medical Assistance Advisory Council** is required to review the data collected and analyzed for inclusion in periodic reports to the General Assembly to determine which data points and information should be included and analyzed to more accurately identify trends and issues with Medicaid managed care. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Medical Assistance Advisory Council for review and comment by October 1, 2018, and shall submit a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §131)

Justice System-Related Items

58. The **Department of Justice** is required to include **information on funding** from sources other than the General Fund provided to the department or to the Office of Consumer Advocate, **and certain actual and expected reimbursements information**, in a report submitted to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System and the Legislative Services Agency by January 15, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §1(2))
59. The judicial branch is required to file a report detailing the **cost-effectiveness of the specialty courts** of the judicial branch, including any recommendations, with the General Assembly and the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency by January 15, 2019. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §22)
60. The **judicial branch** is required to submit **monthly financial statements** in the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management containing all appropriated accounts. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(3))
61. The judicial branch is required to provide notice to the Legislative Services Agency prior to revising certain **judicial branch appropriations**. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(6))
62. The judicial branch is required to submit semiannual updates during the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the **Iowa Court Information System** since the prior report. (2018 Iowa

Acts, HF 2495, §1(7))

63. The judicial branch is required to provide a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019, concerning the amounts received and expended from the **Enhanced Court Collections Fund** and the **Court Technology and Modernization Fund** and the plans for expenditures from each fund. The judicial branch is required to provide a copy of the report to the Legislative Services Agency. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(8))

Public Defense and Public Safety-Related Items

64. The Department of Public Safety is required to provide notice to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management prior to **reallocating moneys appropriated to the department for volunteer fire fighter training and equipment**. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §11(8))
65. The Department of Public Defense is required to report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2018, on the **major maintenance and improvement projects** the department has funded, or intends to fund. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2414, §1(9))

Transportation-Related Items

66. The **Department of Transportation**, in collaboration with the Iowa County Engineers Association, is required to compile annual reports received from counties into a **cumulative report** for submission to the chairpersons of the standing committees on transportation of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Legislative Services Agency on or before February 15 of each year. (Iowa Code §307.32; 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2256, §1)
67. The Department of Transportation is required to estimate the **impact of increased usage of electric, hybrid, and other high-efficiency motor vehicles on future revenues** to the Road Use Tax Fund. The Department shall submit its report, including any recommendations regarding alternative funding mechanisms, to the General Assembly and the State Transportation Commission by December 31, 2018. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2256, §3)
68. The Department of Transportation is required to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year that details the nature and scope of **enforcement activities** conducted in the previous fiscal year by employees designated as **peace officers** who are assigned to the supervision of the highways of this state. (Iowa Code §321.477(5); 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2494, §3)

F. Mandatory and Requested Future Legislative-Related Studies

1. The Legislative Council is required to establish an interim study committee to meet during the 2019 Legislative Interim to study administrative rules related to **career and technical training and work-based learning programs**, including the membership of the regional career and technical education planning partnerships and other issues. The committee is required to submit findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2020 Legislative Session. (2016 Iowa Acts, HF 2392, §77)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to authorize an interim study committee to meet during the 2019 Legislative Interim to evaluate tax credits available under Iowa law and consider new

or different **tax credits, incentive programs, or tax rate or structure programs**. The committee shall submit recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2020 Legislative Session. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2417, §40)

3. The **Public Retirement Systems Committee**, in accordance with Iowa Code §97D.4, is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (Iowa Code chapter 411), the Department of Public Safety Police Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee usually meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years and last met during the 2017 interim. (Iowa Code §97D.4)
4. The **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** is created as a permanent legislative committee with five Senate and five House members appointed at the beginning of a new General Assembly that meets, as directed by the Legislative Council, every two years to review state government organization and efficiency. The next report is due by January 2019. The committee usually meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years and last met during the 2015 interim. (Iowa Code §2.69)
5. The **School Finance Formula Review Committee** is required to be appointed every five years to conduct regular reviews of the school finance formula and produce a school finance formula status report for submission to the General Assembly. The fourth status report is required to be submitted by January 1, 2020. (Iowa Code §257.1(4))
6. A legislative interim committee is required to provide the General Assembly with a **fuel distribution percentage formula** status report by January 1, 2020, and at least every six years thereafter. (Iowa Code §452A.3(1)(c))

G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Changed in 2018 Iowa Acts

1. The membership of the **Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board** is changed. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2382, §1)
No legislative appointments required
2. A **Wastewater and Drinking Water Treatment Financial Assistance Program Review Committee** is established beginning September 1, 2027, and every 10 years thereafter. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §4(8))
Legislative appointments required, one appointment by the President of the Senate after consultation with the Majority Leader of the Senate, one appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives after consultation with the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, one appointment by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and one appointment by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
3. The **Dyslexia Response Task Force** is created, consisting of 12 members. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2360, §1)
No legislative appointments required
4. The membership of the **Commission of Veterans Affairs** is expanded to include two

additional members. (2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2366, §1)

** No legislative appointments required**

H. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Abolished in 2018 Iowa Acts

1. The **Technology Advisory Council** to the Office of the Chief Information Officer is eliminated. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 637, §4)
2. The **Mississippi River Partnership Council** is eliminated. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2365, §2)
3. The **Brushy Creek Recreation Trails Advisory Board** is eliminated. (2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2365, §3)

Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee

Iowa Code §§2.45(5) and 2.48

2.45 Committees of the legislative council.

The legislative council shall be divided into committees, which shall include but not be limited to:

5. a. The legislative tax expenditure committee which shall be composed of ten members of the general assembly, consisting of five members from each house, to be appointed by the legislative council. In appointing the five members of each house to the committee, the council shall appoint three members from the majority party and two members from the minority party.

b. The legislative tax expenditure committee shall have the powers and duties described in section 2.48.

2.48 Legislative tax expenditure committee – review of tax incentive programs.

1. Duties of committee. The legislative tax expenditure committee shall do all of the following:

a. Evaluate any tax expenditure available under Iowa law and assess its equity, simplicity, competitiveness, public purpose, adequacy, and extent of conformance with the original purposes of the legislation that enacted the tax expenditure, as those issues pertain to taxation in Iowa. For purposes of this section, "tax expenditure" means an exclusion from the operation or collection of a tax imposed in this state. Tax expenditures include tax credits, exemptions, deductions, and rebates. Tax expenditures also include sales tax refunds issued pursuant to section 423.3 or section 423.4.

b. Establish and maintain a system for making available to the public information about the amount and effectiveness of tax expenditures, and the extent to which tax expenditures comply with the original intent of the legislation that enacted the tax expenditure.

2. Review of tax expenditures – budget estimates. The legislative tax expenditure committee shall do all of the following:

a. Engage in the regular review of the state's tax expenditures.

(1) In reviewing tax expenditures, the committee may review any tax expenditure at any time, but shall at a minimum perform the reviews described in subsection 3.

(2) For each tax expenditure reviewed, the committee shall submit a report to the legislative council containing the results of the review. The report shall contain a statement of the policy goals of the tax expenditure and a return on investment calculation for the tax expenditure. For purposes of this subparagraph, "return on investment calculation" means analyzing the cost to the state of providing the tax expenditure, analyzing the benefits realized by the state from providing the tax expenditure, and reaching a conclusion as to whether the benefits of the tax expenditure are worth the cost to the state of providing the tax expenditure.

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(3) The report described in subparagraph (2) may include recommendations for better aligning tax expenditures with the original intent of the legislation that enacted the tax expenditure.

b. (1) Estimate for each fiscal year, in conjunction with the legislative services agency and the department of revenue, the cost of each individual tax expenditure and the total cost of all tax expenditures, and by December 15 provide those estimates to the governor for use in the preparation of the budget message under section 8.22 and to the general assembly to be used in the budget process.

(2) The estimates provided pursuant to subparagraph (1) may include the committee's recommendations for the imposition of a limitation on a specified tax expenditure, a limitation on the total amount of tax expenditures, or any other recommendation for a specific tax expenditure or the program under which the tax expenditure is provided.

3. Schedule of review of all tax expenditures. The committee shall review the following tax expenditures and incentives according to the following schedule:

a. In 2011:

(1) The high quality jobs program under chapter 15, subchapter II, part 13.

(2) The tax credits for increasing research activities available under sections 15.335, 422.10, and 422.33.

(3) The franchise tax credits available under sections 422.11 and 422.33.

(4) The earned income tax credit available under section 422.12B.

b. In 2012:

(1) The Iowa fund of funds program in chapter 15E, subchapter VII.

(2) The targeted jobs withholding credits available under section 403.19A.

(3) Funding of urban renewal projects with increased local sales and services tax revenues under section 423B.10.

(4) School tuition organization tax credits under sections 422.11S and 422.33.

(5) Tuition and textbook tax credits under section 422.12.

c. In 2013:

(1) The child and dependent care and early childhood development tax credits under section 422.12C.

(2) The endow Iowa tax credits authorized under section 15E.305.

(3) The redevelopment tax credits available under section 15.293A.

(4) Property tax revenue divisions for urban renewal areas under section 403.19.

d. In 2014:

(1) Tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses under chapter 15E, subchapter V.

(2) Historic preservation tax credits under chapter 404A.

(3) Wind energy production tax credits under chapter 476B.

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- (4) Renewable energy tax credits under chapter 476C.
- (5) The ethanol promotion tax credits available under section 422.11N.
- (6) The E-85 gasoline promotion tax credits available under section 422.11O.
- (7) The biodiesel blended fuel tax credits available under section 422.11P.
- e. In 2015:
 - (1) The agricultural assets transfer tax credit as provided in section 16.80.
 - (2) The claim of right tax credit under section 422.5.
 - (3) The reduction in allocating income to Iowa by S corporation shareholders under section 422.8.
 - (4) The minimum tax credit under sections 422.11B, 422.33, and 422.60.
 - (5) The assistive device corporate tax credit under section 422.33.
 - (6) The charitable conservation contribution tax credit under sections 422.11W and 422.33.
 - (7) The motor vehicle fuel tax credit under section 422.110.
 - (8) The new jobs tax credits available under section 422.11A.
- f. In 2016:
 - (1) The homestead tax credit under chapter 425.
 - (2) The elderly and disabled property tax credit under chapter 425.
 - (3) The agricultural land tax credit under chapter 426.
 - (4) The military service tax credit under chapter 426A.
 - (5) The business property tax credit under chapter 426C.
 - (6) The commercial and industrial property tax replacement claims under section 441.21A.
- g. In 2017, the innovation fund investment tax credit available under section 15E.52.
- h. In 2022, the renewable chemical production tax credit program available under sections 15.315 through 15.322.
- 4. Subsequent additional review. A tax expenditure or incentive reviewed pursuant to subsection 3 shall be reviewed again not more than five years after the tax expenditure or incentive was most recently reviewed.

Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee

Iowa Code §2.45(6)

2.45 Committees of the legislative council.

The legislative council shall be divided into committees, which shall include but not be limited to:

6. The legislative health policy oversight committee, which shall be composed of ten members of the general assembly, consisting of five members from each house, to be appointed by the legislative council. The legislative health policy oversight committee shall meet at least two times, annually, during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and make recommendations.

Mental Health and Disability Services Funding

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §19

Sec. 19. MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES FUNDING — FISCAL VIABILITY REVIEW DURING 2018 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM. The legislative council is requested to authorize a study committee to analyze the viability of the mental health and disability services funding including the methodology used to calculate and determine the base expenditure amount, the county budgeted amount, the regional per capita expenditure amount, the statewide per capita expenditure target amount, and the cash flow reduction amount. The study committee shall consist of five members of the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and five members of the house of representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. The study committee shall meet during the 2018 legislative interim to make appropriate recommendations for consideration during the 2019 legislative session in a report submitted to the general assembly by January 15, 2019.

Clean Water Standards Interim Committee

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §25, as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §16

Sec. 25. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON SMALL CITIES AND CLEAN WATER STANDARDS.

1. The legislative council is requested to establish a study committee for the ~~2017-2018~~ interim to identify and comprehensively review the financial and other challenges faced by small cities in complying with the various state and federal clean water standards, and to consider options for addressing those challenges.

2. The interim committee's review shall include an evaluation of the future effectiveness of the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program created in this Act in section 16.134 and the water quality financing program created in sections 16.142 through 16.145, and may include evaluations of other existing or proposed state programs as desired. The committee shall seek input and may request information or assistance from public and private stakeholders and experts, including utility management organizations, the Iowa association of business and industry, the department of natural resources, the Iowa finance authority, the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the economic development authority, the Iowa chamber alliance, the Iowa league of cities, and the Iowa state association of counties.

3. The interim committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly for consideration during the ~~2018-2019~~ legislative session.

Compensation Enhancement Strategies for the Direct Care Workforce Committee

HR 117

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the senate requests the legislative council to establish a multistakeholder interim committee comprised of members of the senate and house of representatives and representatives of direct care workers providing services to various populations, including those with disabilities, in various settings; the Iowa caregivers; community colleges; the Iowa skills2compete coalition; the department of education, the department on aging, the department of public health, the department of human services, the department of workforce development; managed care organizations and other third-party payors; the Iowa health care association; leadingage Iowa; HCI care services; visiting nurse services of Iowa; the Iowa assisted living association; the business community; AARP Iowa; the child and family policy center; an individual with a disability who receives supports from a direct care worker; a family caregiver utilizing services of a direct care worker; and others as deemed appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim committee shall, at a minimum, provide an update on the status of the current direct care workforce; define compensation for the direct care workforce; research best practices in elevating the compensation of the direct care workforce that may exist in other states; identify potential strategies for increasing direct care worker compensation, reducing reliance on public supports, and the feasibility and fiscal impact of each strategy identified; and provide a report of the committee's findings, including recommendations identified by priority and an outline for implementation of each strategy recommended, to the general assembly by December 20, 2018.

Renewable Energy Study Committee

HR 120

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the House of Representatives requests the legislative council to authorize and establish an interim study committee, composed of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to commence meeting during the 2018 Legislative Interim. The purpose of the interim study committee is to develop a strategic plan regarding the feasibility, timeline, and costs of implementing or expanding renewable energy usage in state buildings and facilities. The strategic plan shall give precedence to the implementation or expansion of renewable energy usage in state buildings and facilities with the highest annual energy usage, as identified by the Department of Administrative Services. The interim study committee shall, if appropriate, make recommendations to the General Assembly related to the strategic plan before January 1, 2019.

Foster and Adoptive Parents Interim Committee

2018 Iowa Acts, SR 101

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative council is requested to establish an interim committee to study the impact of requiring the department of human services to discontinue the use of private contracting to recruit and retain foster parents and adoptive parents and instead require department of human services case workers to provide such services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee shall consist of five members of the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and five members of the house of representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee shall meet during the 2018 legislative interim to make appropriate recommendations for consideration during the 2019 legislative session in a report submitted to the general assembly and the governor by December 15, 2018.

Education in the Arts Interim Committee

2018 Iowa Acts, SR 112

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative council is requested to establish an interim committee, composed of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to study the state of education in the arts in Iowa for the purpose of aligning arts education programs in Iowa with the fine arts standards adopted by the board of education and with the ESSA. The study committee shall review staffing, funding, course offerings, and other resources available for education in the arts in Iowa, explore opportunities for local education agencies to receive funding under titles I and II of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., for fine arts teachers and related professional development, and also explore options to expand sequential fine arts education in all areas of the arts in Iowa in kindergarten through grade 12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee shall meet during the 2018 interim and shall include in an advisory capacity stakeholders in education in the arts in Iowa including but not limited to arts educators of Iowa, the Iowa bandmasters association, the Iowa choral directors association, the Iowa communication association, the Iowa music educators association, the Iowa educational theatre association, the Iowa string teachers association, Kodaly educators of Iowa, representatives of dance educators in Iowa, representatives of Orff Schulwerk educators in Iowa, the department of education, and area education agencies. The study committee shall submit the study committee's findings and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2019.

Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE)

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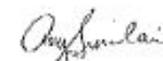
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We formally request the Iowa Legislative Council establish an interim committee to study the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) sales tax and usage in Iowa and make recommendations on the future of the program. We request the committee include stakeholder participation including the Iowa Association of School Boards, Master Builders of Iowa, and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

We request the interim committee study the best way to utilize SAVE, including property tax relief, increased voter participation in building projects, limitations on SAVE building projects, the current status of school infrastructure in Iowa, and whether or not the tax should be extended.

We request the interim study committee complete its work by December 15, 2018.

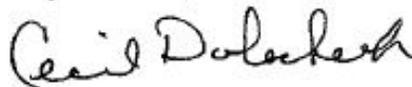
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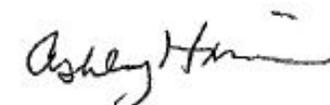

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Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §1(4)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 167, section 27, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 27. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

4. The department of justice shall be subject to an agreed-upon procedures engagement performed by the auditor of state to identify sources and uses of discretionary funds of the department, including but not limited to legal settlement funds controlled by the department. The auditor of state shall complete and file the written report of the auditor's findings and recommendations with the general assembly and the governor's office by February 1, 2019. The department of justice shall fully reimburse the auditor of state for the agreed-upon procedures engagement.

Judicial Branch Appropriation Reductions Report

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2117, §1(2)

2. The department of management, in consultation with the departments and agencies and the judicial branch listed in subsection 1, shall identify and implement the reductions in subsection 1 with respect to the appropriate general fund appropriations. Within fifteen days of the effective date of this section, the department of management shall transmit a report to the general assembly and legislative services agency listing the appropriation reductions applied.

Auditor of State Additional Full-Time Equivalent Positions

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §2(2)

Sec. 2. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 171, section 31, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 31. AUDITOR OF STATE.

2. The auditor of state may retain additional full-time equivalent positions as is reasonable and necessary to perform governmental subdivision audits which are reimbursable pursuant to section 11.20 or 11.21, to perform audits which are requested by and reimbursable from the federal government, and to perform work requested by and reimbursable from departments or agencies pursuant to section 11.5A or 11.5B. The auditor of state shall notify the department of management, the legislative fiscal committee, and the legislative services agency of the additional full-time equivalent positions retained.

Utilities Division Additional Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §5(2)(d)

Sec. 5. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 171, section 34, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 34. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

2. There is appropriated from the department of commerce revolving fund created in section 546.12 to the department of commerce for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

d. UTILITIES DIVISION

(1) For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

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\$ ~~4,520,203~~ 8,503,174

.....
FTEs ~~67.75~~ 67.00

(2) In addition to the moneys appropriated and full-time equivalent positions authorized in subparagraph (1), and contingent on the enactment of 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2311, the utilities division is appropriated an additional \$228,924 and is authorized an additional 2.00 full-time equivalent positions to assist in implementing the provisions of 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2311, if enacted.

~~(2)~~ (3) The utilities division may expend additional moneys, including moneys for additional personnel, if those additional expenditures are actual expenses which exceed the moneys budgeted for utility regulation and the expenditures are fully reimbursable. Before the division expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the moneys budgeted for regulation, the division shall first do both of the following:

(a) Notify the department of management, the legislative services agency, and the legislative fiscal committee of the need for the expenditures.

(b) File with each of the entities named in subparagraph division (a) the legislative and regulatory justification for the expenditures, along with an estimate of the expenditures.

Fraud in Public Assistance Programs

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416, §10(3)

Sec. 10. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 171, section 39, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 39. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of inspections and appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3. INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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

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\$ ~~1,218,096~~ 2,471,791

.....
FTEs ~~53.50~~ 53.00

b. By December 1, 2018, the department, in coordination with the investigations division, shall submit a report to the general assembly concerning the division's activities relative to fraud in public assistance programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. The report shall include but is not limited to a summary of the number of cases investigated, case outcomes, overpayment dollars identified, amount of cost avoidance, and actual dollars recovered.

Department of Inspections and Appeals Fees and Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2416 §11(4)

Sec. 11. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 171, section 40, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 40. DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS — LICENSE OR REGISTRATION FEES.

4. From the fees collected by the department under this section, other than those fees described in subsections 2 and 3, the department shall retain the remainder of the fees for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of chapters 99B, 137C, 137D, and 137F. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys retained by the department pursuant to this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of chapters 99B, 137C, 137D, and 137F during the succeeding fiscal year. The department shall provide an annual report to the department of management and the legislative services agency on fees billed and collected and expenditures from the moneys retained by the department in a format as determined by the department of management in consultation with the legislative services agency.

Evaluation of License Fees

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 631, §1

Section 1. Section 483A.1, Code 2018, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

483A.1 Licenses — fees — rules.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person shall not fish, trap, hunt, pursue, catch, kill, take in any manner, use, have possession of, sell, or transport all or a part of any wild animal, bird, game, turtle, or fish, the protection and regulation of which is desirable for the conservation of resources of the state, without first obtaining a license for that purpose, and the payment of a fee as established by rules adopted by the commission pursuant to chapter 17A.

2. a. The fees established by rule pursuant to subsection 1 shall be periodically evaluated by the department, but not less often than once every three years, to ensure that the fees paid are sufficient to meet the needs of natural resource management and the public.

b. By December 15 of each year on and after December 15, 2019, that an evaluation of the license fees is completed, the department shall file a written report with the commission and the general assembly which shall include the evaluation and recommendations for changes, if any. Any fee increase proposed in such a report shall not take effect until on or after December 15 of the year succeeding the report and an individual license fee shall not be increased in any calendar year in an amount that exceeds five percent.

Environmental Protection Commission Program Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2303, §2

Sec. 2. Section 455B.105, subsection 5, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

5. Make a concise ~~annual~~ biennial report to the governor and the general assembly, which report shall contain information relating to the accomplishments and status of the programs administered by the department and include recommendations for legislative action which may be required to protect or enhance the environment or to modernize the operation of the department or any of the programs or services assigned to the department and recommendations for the transfer of powers and duties of the department as deemed advisable by the commission. The ~~annual~~ biennial report shall conform to the provisions of section 7A.3.

State Geologist Annual Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2303, §15

Sec. 15. Section 456.7, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

456.7 Annual report.

The state geologist shall, annually, at the time provided by law, make to the governor and the general assembly a full report of the work in the preceding year, which report shall be accompanied by such other reports and papers as may be considered desirable for publication.

Department of Natural Resources Proceeds from the Sale of Condemned Property

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2342, §8

Sec. 8. Section 483A.33, subsection 5, Code 2018, is amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* On or before December 31, 2018, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general assembly's standing committees on government oversight regarding the amount of the proceeds deposited to the state fish and game protection fund pursuant to this subsection. The report shall also contain all information recorded pursuant to paragraph "d".

NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* A seizing public agency that has custody of any property that is seized pursuant to a provision of this subchapter shall adopt and comply with a written internal control policy that does all of the following:

(1) Provides for keeping detailed records as to the amount of property acquired by the agency and the date property was acquired.

(2) Provides for keeping detailed records of the disposition of the property, which shall include the manner in which the property was disposed, the date of disposition, and detailed financial records concerning any property sold. The records shall not identify or enable identification of the individual officer who seized any item of property or the name of any person or entity who received any item of property.

NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* The records kept under the internal control policy shall be open to public inspection during the agency's regular business hours. The policy adopted under this section is a public record open for inspection under chapter 22.

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's administration, regulation, and programs

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2491, §1(3)

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated in this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Department of Natural Resources' administration, regulation, and programs

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2491, §11(3)

3. The department shall submit a report each quarter of the fiscal year to the legislative services agency, the department of management, the members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on agriculture and natural resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house committees on appropriations. The report shall describe in detail the expenditure of moneys appropriated under this section to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs.

Financial Assistance Provided to Private Entities and Land Managed by the Department of Natural Resources

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2502, §44

Sec. 44. LAND ACQUISITION AND INVENTORY.

1. By December 1, 2018, the department of natural resources shall submit a report to the general assembly including all financial assistance provided to private entities for the acquisition of land and an inventory of all land managed or owned on behalf of the state by the department.

2. The portion of the report regarding financial assistance to private entities for land acquisition shall include the name of the private entities, a description of the assistance provided, the price of the tract, the date the assistance was provided, the date of full loan repayment or cessation of the linked deposit account, and the total amount of outstanding loans and linked deposits associated with such land acquisitions. This portion of the report shall also include information regarding the land purchase including the location and description of the land, a description of the conservation benefits of the purchase, the name of the seller, the price paid, and the size of the tract. If the land was later acquired by a governmental entity, the report shall include the name of the governmental entity, the date of the subsequent acquisition, the price paid, and the source of the funds.

3. The portion of the report regarding the land inventory shall include a list of all properties owned by the state whose purchase or donation was facilitated by the department and a list of properties which are managed by the department, but not owned by the state. For each owned tract of land, the inventory shall include the location of the tract, the date of acquisition or first management agreement, the name of the seller or donor of the tract, the price paid for state-owned land and the source of the funds; the owner of the tract if not owned by the state, the size of the tract, the present use of the tract including whether the property is open to the public, and the identification of the government entity charged with managing the tract. The inventory shall also identify the location and size of all tracts which were conveyed to cities or counties within the past twenty years after termination of state ownership.

4. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the environmental protection commission shall not authorize a contract or approve costs related to the purchase of land which obligates moneys from the water pollution control works revolving loan fund for financial assistance to acquire new land under the general nonpoint source program set-aside.

Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512 §4

Sec. 4. Section 16.134, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

16.134 Wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program.

1. The Iowa finance authority shall establish and administer a wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide financial assistance to enhance water quality. The program shall be administered in accordance with rules adopted by the authority pursuant to chapter 17A. For purposes of this section, "program" means the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program and "committee" means the water quality financing review committee created in subsection 9.

2. A wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance fund is created and shall consist of appropriations made to the fund and transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as provided by law. Moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section 16.134A are appropriated to the authority for purposes of the program. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

3. Financial assistance under the program shall be used to install or upgrade wastewater treatment facilities and systems and drinking water treatment facilities and systems, including source water protection projects, and for engineering or technical assistance for facility planning and design.

4. The authority committee shall ~~distribute~~ approve financial assistance ~~in from~~ the fund in accordance with the following:

~~a. The goal of the program shall be to base awards on the impact of the grant combined with other sources of financing to ensure that sewer rates do not exceed one and one half percent of a community's median household income.~~

~~b. a. Communities shall be eligible for financial assistance by qualifying as Priority shall be given for projects in which a disadvantaged community and is seeking financial assistance for the installation or upgrade of wastewater treatment facilities due to regulatory activity by the department of natural resources and drinking water treatment facilities.~~ For purposes of this section, the term "disadvantaged community" means the same as defined by the department.

~~c. b. Priority shall be given to projects in which the meeting criteria established in section 455B.199B in which the applicant seeks financial assistance is to be used to obtain with financing under the water pollution control works and drinking water facilities financing program pursuant to section 16.131 or other federal, or state, or private financing.~~

~~d. c. Priority shall also be given to projects whose completion will provide significant improvement to water quality in the relevant watershed.~~

~~e. d. Priority shall also be given to communities that employ an alternative wastewater treatment technology pursuant to section 455B.199C.~~

~~f. e. Priority shall be also be given to those communities where sewer or water rates are the highest as a percentage of that community's~~

Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512 §4, continued

median household income.

f. Priority shall also be given to communities that employ technology to address the latest version of the "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

g. Financial assistance in the form of grants shall be issued on an annual basis.

h. An applicant shall not receive a grant that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars.

4A. A utility management organization formed under chapter 28E or operated by a rural water system organized under chapter 357A or chapter 504 shall be considered eligible for financial assistance under the program.

5. The authority in cooperation with the department of natural resources shall share provide information and resources to the committee when the committee is determining the qualifications of a community for financial assistance from the fund.

6. The authority shall enter into agreements with financial assistance recipients and distribute moneys under the program pursuant to financial assistance determinations made by the committee. The authority may use an amount of not more than ~~four~~ one percent of any moneys appropriated for deposit in the fund for administration purposes.

7. By October 1 of each year, the authority shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures under the program during the previous fiscal year, if any.

8. a. Beginning September 1, 2027, and every ten years thereafter, a program review committee is established for purposes of reviewing the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program. By December 1 of the same year, the program review committee shall file a report with the governor and the general assembly that reviews the effectiveness of the program during the prior ten fiscal years.

b. The program review committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) The governor or the governor's designee.

(2) The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee.

(3) The executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee.

(4) The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee.

(5) Four members of the general assembly, with two from the senate and two from the house of representatives and not more than one member from each chamber being from the same political party. The two senators shall be designated one member each by the president of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, and by the minority leader of the senate. The two representatives shall be designated one member each by the speaker of the house of representatives, after consultation with the majority

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2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512 §4, continued

leader of the house of representatives, and by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

c. Staffing services shall be provided by the authority.

9. a. A water quality financing review committee is created consisting of the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, the executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee, and the director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee.

b. The committee shall review and approve or deny applications for financial assistance under the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program established in this section.

Water Quality Financing Program

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §8, as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §6

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. **16.144 Water quality financing program fund — appropriation — other funds.**

1. a. A water quality financing program fund is created and shall consist of appropriations made to the fund, moneys credited to the fund pursuant to section 16.134A, and transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as provided by law. The fund shall be administered by the authority as a revolving fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the authority for purposes of the program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

b. The authority shall use the moneys in the fund to provide financial assistance to eligible entities under the program. The authority may provide financial assistance in the form deemed most convenient for the efficient financing of projects, including loans, forgivable loans, or grants. The authority shall administer the fund and the program in such a manner as to provide a permanent source of water quality project financial assistance to eligible entities.

c. The authority may annually use an amount of not more than one percent of the moneys in the fund for administrative purposes.

2. a. The authority may establish and maintain other funds and accounts determined to be necessary to carry out the purposes of the program and shall provide for the funding, administration, investment, restrictions, and disposition of the funds and accounts.

b. Moneys appropriated to and used by the authority for purposes of paying the costs and expenses associated with the administration of the program shall be administered as determined by the authority.

c. All moneys transferred to the authority for purposes of the program shall be deposited and held in a fund or account established and maintained pursuant to this section.

3. The funds or accounts held by the authority, or a trustee acting on behalf of the authority pursuant to a trust agreement related to the program, shall not be considered part of the general fund of the state, are not subject to appropriation for any other purpose by the general assembly, and in determining a general fund balance shall not be included in the general fund of the state, but shall remain in the funds and accounts maintained by the authority or trustee pursuant to a trust agreement. Funds and accounts held by the authority, or a trustee acting on behalf of the authority pursuant to a trust agreement related to the program, are separate dedicated funds and accounts under the administration and control of the authority and subject to section 16.31.

4. By October 1, ~~2018~~2019, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, the authority shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures from the fund, if any, during the previous fiscal year.

Water Quality Agriculture Infrastructure Programs Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §23, as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §14

Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. **466B.43 Water quality agriculture infrastructure programs.**

1. As part of the water quality initiative established pursuant to section 466B.42, the division shall administer water quality agriculture infrastructure programs created in this section.

2. The purpose of the programs is to support projects for the installation of infrastructure, including conservation structures, practices, or other measures that reduce contributing nutrient loads, associated sediment, or contaminants from sources to surface waters. The programs shall be administered in a manner that is consistent with the latest version of the "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

3. An edge-of-field infrastructure program is created. The program shall support projects located on agricultural land, which may include demonstration projects, that capture or filter nutrients entering into a surface water. The program's projects shall be limited to infrastructure designed and installed for use over multiple years, including but not limited to wetlands, bioreactor systems, saturated buffers, or land use changes. The program shall be financed on a cost-share basis.

4. An in-field infrastructure program is created. The program shall support projects located on agricultural land, which may include demonstration projects, that decrease erosion and precipitation-induced surface runoff, increase water infiltration rates, and increase soil sustainability. The program's projects shall be limited to infrastructure designed and installed for use over multiple years, including but not limited to structures, terraces, and waterways located on cropland or pastureland, and including but not limited to soil conservation or erosion control structures or managed drainage systems. The program shall be financed on a cost-share basis.

5. Any state moneys used to finance a project under a water quality agriculture infrastructure program shall be administered according to an agreement entered into by the division and the owner of the land where the infrastructure is to be installed. The agreement shall include standard terms and conditions for the receipt of program moneys and any other terms and conditions the division deems necessary or convenient for the efficient administration of the project or program. The division may support multiple installations of infrastructure on a single parcel of land. The division may also combine programs if cost effective. The division may annually use an amount of not more than four percent of the moneys used to support each program for administrative purposes.

6. By October 1, ~~2018~~2019, and each October 1, thereafter, the division shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures, by hydrologic unit code 8 watershed, under the programs during the previous fiscal year, if any.

7. Any information obtained by the division identifying a person

Water Quality Agriculture Infrastructure Programs Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §23, continued

holding a legal interest in agricultural land or specific agricultural land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.

Water Quality Urban Infrastructure Program Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §24, as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2440, §15

Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. **466B.44 Water quality urban infrastructure program.**

1. As part of the water quality initiative established pursuant to section 466B.42, the division shall administer a water quality urban infrastructure program.

2. The purpose of the program is to support watershed projects and advance implementation of the latest version of the "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology, which program support may include demonstration projects that decrease erosion, precipitation-induced surface runoff, and storm water discharges and that increase water infiltration rates. The program's projects shall be based on Iowa's storm water management manual published by the department of natural resources.

3. The program shall be financed on a cost-share basis or through cooperative agreements with watershed projects funded through section 455B.199 whose project activities fall outside the territorial boundaries of a city.

4. Any state moneys used to finance a project under a water quality urban infrastructure program shall be administered according to an agreement entered into by the division and the owner of the land where the infrastructure is to be installed. The agreement shall include standard terms and conditions for the receipt of program moneys and any other terms and conditions the division deems necessary or convenient for the efficient administration of the project or program. The division may support multiple installations of infrastructure on a single parcel of land. The division may annually use an amount of not more than four percent of the moneys used to support the program for administrative purposes.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section to the contrary, beginning on July 1, 2018, the division may use any amount available to support the water quality urban infrastructure program to instead extend and support the three-year data collection of in-field agricultural practices project as enacted in 2015 Iowa Acts, ch. 132, §18.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the division may use any amount available to support the water quality urban infrastructure program to develop and maintain an online resource displaying measurable indicators of desirable change in water quality within the state's watersheds. These measurable indicators may include but are not limited to public and private funding inputs, involvement in water quality projects, and improvements, land use, practice adoption, calculated load reduction, and measured loads at existing monitoring stations.

7. By October 1, ~~2018~~2019, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, the division shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures under the program, if any, during the previous fiscal year.

Water Quality Urban Infrastructure Program Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512, §24, continued

8. Any information obtained by the division identifying a person holding a legal interest in land or specific land shall be a confidential record under section 22.7.

Department of Natural Resources Camping and Rental Facility Fees

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2389, §1

Section 1. NEW SECTION. **455A.14 Camping and rental facilities and other privileges — fees.**

1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department is authorized to establish fees for camping and use of rental facilities and other special privileges at state parks and recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the department.

2. The fees established by the department pursuant to this section shall be in such amounts as may be determined by the department to be reasonably competitive with fees established in other public parks or recreation areas that provide the same or similar privileges and are located within sixty miles of the perimeter of the state park or recreation area for which the department is establishing fees. Such fees may be increased, reduced, or waived by the department for special promotional events or efforts or on the basis of special seasonal or holiday rates, on a statewide basis or on the basis of an individual state park or recreation area.

3. Fees established pursuant to this section shall be considered a specification of prices to be charged for goods or services as provided in section 17A.2, subsection 11, paragraph "g".

4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the purpose of setting forth the methodology to be used in establishing fees pursuant to this section.

5. The department shall prepare an annual report reviewing the fees established pursuant to this section. The report shall include information about fees and occupancy rates at each camping and rental facility in the state under the jurisdiction of the department, special promotional events or holiday rates for which fees were increased, reduced, or waived at those camping and rental facilities, and any recommendations for changes in fees or rules adopted pursuant to this section. The report shall be submitted to the senate standing committee on natural resources and environment and the house standing committee on natural resources by December 31 of each year.

Workforce Development Board Annual Student Outcome Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2458, §7

Sec. 7. Section 84A.1B, Code 2018, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 13A. Create, and update as necessary, a list of high-demand jobs statewide for purposes of the future ready Iowa registered apprenticeship development program created in section 15C.1, the summer youth intern pilot program established under section 84A.12, the Iowa employer innovation program established under section 84A.13, the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program established under section 261.131, the future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program established under section 261.132, and postsecondary summer classes for high school students as provided under section 261E.8, subsection 7A. In addition to the list created by the workforce development board under this subsection, each community college, in consultation with regional career and technical education planning partnerships, and with the approval of the board of directors of the community college, may identify and maintain a list of not more than five regional high-demand jobs in the community college region, and shall share the lists with the workforce development board. The lists submitted by community colleges under the subsection may be used in that community college region for purposes of programs identified under this subsection. The workforce development board shall have full discretion to select and prioritize statewide high-demand jobs after consulting with business and education stakeholders, as appropriate, and seeking public comment. For purposes of this subsection, "*high-demand job*" means a job in the state for which the board, or a community college in accordance with this subsection, determines work opportunities are available and qualified applicants are lacking.

NEW SUBSECTION. 13B. Compile an annual report, in an aggregate form to protect the confidentiality of each eligible program's participants, that includes the number of students receiving scholarships under section 261.131, the number of students receiving grants under section 261.132, the number of scholarship and grant recipients completing a program of study or major annually and in the prescribed time frame under sections 261.131 and 261.132, the number of eligible institutions participating in the scholarship and grant programs established under sections 261.131 and 261.132, the number of written agreements entered into by the volunteer mentor program under section 15H.9, statistics on employment outcomes for future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship and future ready Iowa skilled workforce grant program participants by industry, and other data as may be deemed pertinent by the department or the college student aid commission. The department shall submit the initial report by January 15, 2021, and by January 15 annually thereafter, to the governor and the general assembly.

Economic Development Authority Economic Development Program Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §4

Sec. 4. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. SEC. 21A. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORTING — ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. The economic development authority and the department of revenue shall submit a joint annual report to the general assembly no later than November 1 of each year that details the amount of every direct loan, forgivable loan, tax credit, tax exemption, tax refund, grant, or any other financial assistance awarded to a person during the prior fiscal year by the authority under an economic development program administered by the authority. The report shall identify the county where the project associated with each such award is located.

Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund Appropriations Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §12(1)(b)(1)(b)

(b) The state board of regents shall annually submit a report by January 15 to the governor, the general assembly, and the legislative services agency regarding the activities, projects, and programs funded with moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1). The report shall be provided in an electronic format and shall include a list of metrics and criteria mutually agreed to in advance by the board of regents and the economic development authority. The metrics and criteria shall allow the governor's office and the general assembly to quantify and evaluate the progress of the board of regents institutions with regard to their activities, projects, and programs in the areas of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship, regional development, and market research.

Iowa State University of Science and Technology Private Contributions

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §12(1)(b)(2)(c)

(c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the industrial incentive program focus on Iowa industrial sectors and seek contributions and in-kind donations from businesses, industrial foundations, and trade associations, and that moneys for the center for industrial research and service industrial incentive program shall be allocated only for projects which are matched by private sector moneys for directed contract research or for nondirected research. The match required of small businesses as defined in section 15.102, subsection 8, for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$3 of state funds. The match required for other businesses for directed contract research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds. The match required of industrial foundations or trade associations shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.

Iowa state university of science and technology shall report annually to the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development and the legislative services agency the total amount of private contributions, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.

Iowa Finance Authority Financial and Sexual Harassment Investigations

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2493, §17

Sec. 17. FINANCIAL AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT INVESTIGATIONS OF IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY. The independent investigators who have been selected to conduct an investigation of the Iowa finance authority shall each submit a report with a summary of the results of the independent investigator's investigation to the general assembly no later than December 1, 2018. The financial investigation shall include an analysis of all expenses reimbursed by the state to the former director of the authority and all employees of the authority for the period January 1, 2011, through June 30, 2018. Such expenses shall include all travel, lodging, meals, beverages, personal services, entertainment, office expenses, and all other expenditures not included in the authority's budget. The financial investigation shall also include an analysis of any personal financial or other personal accounts used by the former authority director or any employee of the authority to collect agency fees or other moneys collected by the authority. The sexual harassment investigation shall include a review of any conduct of current and former authority employees in violation of a state human resources policy or an authority personnel policy that is related to the termination of the former director of the authority.

Dramshop Liability Minimum Coverage Requirements

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2502, §52

Sec. 52. NEW SECTION. **505.33 Dramshop liability insurance evaluation.**

The division shall biennially conduct an evaluation concerning minimum coverage requirements of dramshop liability insurance. In conducting the evaluation, the division shall include a comparison of other states' minimum dramshop liability insurance coverage and any other relevant issues the division identifies. By January 31, 2019, and every two years thereafter, the division shall submit a report, including any findings and recommendations, to the general assembly as provided in chapter 7A.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Support

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2311, §19

Sec. 19. STUDY OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT. The economic development authority, in collaboration with the department of transportation and the Iowa utility industry, shall conduct a study of electric vehicle infrastructure support for both commercial and noncommercial vehicles and make recommendations to the general assembly regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The study shall evaluate the relative costs and benefits associated with various options for electric vehicle infrastructure support. The economic development authority shall submit a report to the general assembly containing the results of the study no later than June 30, 2019.

Net General Fund Revenues Report

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2417, §133

Sec. 133. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE — NET GENERAL FUND REVENUES CALCULATION — ANNUAL REPORTS.

1. This division of this Act takes effect on January 1, 2023, if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

a. The net general fund revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, equal or exceed eight billion three hundred fourteen million six hundred thousand dollars.

b. The net general fund revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, equal or exceed one hundred and four percent of the net general fund revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

2. If the provisions of subsection 1 are not satisfied and this division of this Act does not take effect on January 1, 2023, then this division of this Act shall take effect on January 1 following the first fiscal year for which both of the following conditions are satisfied:

a. The net general fund revenues for that fiscal year ending June 30 equal or exceed eight billion three hundred fourteen million six hundred thousand dollars.

b. The net general fund revenues for that fiscal year ending June 30 equal or exceed one hundred and four percent of the net general fund revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30 immediately preceding that fiscal year.

3. a. For purposes of this section, "net general fund revenues" means total appropriated general fund revenues excluding transfers from reserve funds, less the sum of tax and other refunds and school infrastructure transfers, all made on an accrual basis as computed for purposes of the comprehensive annual financial reports of the state.

b. Net general fund revenues shall be calculated by the department of management, in consultation with the department of revenue, for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, until such time as this division of this Act takes effect, in accordance with rules adopted by the department of management. The department of management shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for calculating net general fund revenues as defined in paragraph "a", including rules defining "total appropriated general fund revenues", "transfers from reserve funds", "tax and other refunds", and "school infrastructure transfers", and including the types and categories of receipts that will be included within each definition and in the calculation of net general fund revenues.

c. The department of management shall submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 following the close of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, until such time as this division of this Act takes effect, which report shall identify the net general fund revenues for the fiscal year and shall include a detailed description of the net general fund revenues calculation made by the department of management.

Internet Educational Content Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 475, §3

Sec. 3. Section 256.7, subsection 32, paragraph c, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

~~c. Adopt rules that limit the statewide enrollment of pupils in educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet to not more than eighteen one hundredths of one percent of the statewide enrollment of all pupils, and that limit the number of pupils participating in open enrollment for purposes of receiving educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet to no more than one percent of a sending district's enrollment. Such limitations shall not apply if the limitations would prevent siblings from enrolling in the same school district or if a sending district determines that the educational needs of a physically or emotionally fragile student would be best served by educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet. Students who meet the requirements of section 282.18 may participate in open enrollment under this paragraph "c" for purposes of enrolling only in the CAM community school district or the Clayton Ridge community school district.~~

~~(1) The department, in collaboration with the international association for K-12 online learning, shall annually collect data on student performance in educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to this paragraph "c". The department shall include such data in its annual report to the general assembly pursuant to subparagraph (4) and shall post the data on the department's internet site.~~

~~(2) School districts Adopt rules which require that educational instruction and course content delivered primarily over the internet be aligned with the Iowa core standards as applicable. Under such rules, a school district may develop and offer to students enrolled in the district educational instruction and course content for delivery primarily over the internet. A school district providing educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to this paragraph "c" shall annually submit to the department, in the manner prescribed by the department, data that includes but is not limited to the following:~~

- ~~(a) Student achievement and demographic characteristics.~~
- ~~(b) Retention rates.~~
- ~~(c) The percentage of enrolled students' active participation in extracurricular activities.~~
- ~~(d) Academic proficiency levels, consistent with requirements applicable to all school districts and accredited nonpublic schools in this state.~~
- ~~(e) Academic growth measures, which shall include either of the following:

 - ~~(i) Entry and exit assessments in, at a minimum, math and English for elementary and middle school students, and additional subjects, including science, for high school students.~~
 - ~~(ii) State-required assessments that track year-over-year improvements in academic proficiency.~~~~

Internet Educational Content Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 475, §3, continued

(f) Academic mobility. To facilitate the tracking of academic mobility, school districts shall request the following information from the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet ~~pursuant to this paragraph "c"~~:

(i) For a student newly enrolling, the reasons for choosing such enrollment.

(ii) For a student terminating enrollment, the reasons for terminating such enrollment.

(g) Student progress toward graduation. Measurement of such progress shall account for specific characteristics of each enrolled student, including but not limited to age and course credit accrued prior to enrollment in educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet ~~pursuant to this paragraph "c"~~, and shall be consistent with evidence-based best practices.

~~(3) The department shall conduct annually a survey of not less than ten percent of the total number of students enrolled as authorized under this paragraph "c" and section 282.18, to determine whether students are enrolled under this paragraph "c" and section 282.18 to receive educational instruction and course content primarily over the internet or are students who are receiving competent private instruction from a licensed practitioner provided through a school district pursuant to chapter 299A.~~

~~(4) (2)~~ The department shall compile and review the data collected pursuant to this paragraph "c" and shall submit its findings and recommendations for the continued delivery of educational instruction and course content by school districts ~~pursuant to this paragraph "c"~~ delivered primarily over the internet, in a report to the general assembly by January 15 annually.

~~(5) School districts providing educational instruction and course content that are delivered primarily over the internet pursuant to this paragraph "c" shall comply with the following requirements relating to such instruction and content:~~

~~(a) Monitoring and verifying full-time student enrollment, timely completion of graduation requirements, course credit accrual, and course completion.~~

~~(b) Monitoring and verifying student progress and performance in each course through a school-based assessment plan that includes submission of coursework and security and validity of testing.~~

~~(c) Conducting parent-teacher conferences.~~

~~(d) Administering assessments required by the state to all students in a proctored setting and pursuant to state law.~~

Online Learning Working Group

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2131, §3

Sec. 3. AREA EDUCATION AGENCIES — ONLINE LEARNING WORKING GROUP.

1. The area education agencies, in collaboration with the community colleges and the department of education, shall convene a working group to identify effective means by which students may access educational instruction and content online and shall identify partnerships between existing providers of rigorous and high-quality online coursework.

2. The working group shall submit its findings to the general assembly by October 15, 2018.

Dyslexia Response

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2360, §1(3)

3. The task force shall submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations relating to dyslexia response to the governor and the general assembly no later than November 15, 2019. When making such recommendations, the task force shall consider but not be limited to student screening, interventions, teacher preparation and professional development, classroom accommodations, and assistive technology. The report shall include all of the following:

- a. An overview of the symptoms and effects of dyslexia.
- b. An overview of current practices relating to dyslexia response in Iowa schools.
- c. A description of current concerns relating to dyslexia response identified by the members of the task force.
- d. Recommendations of any proposed legislation or rulemaking or any additional personnel or funding needed to address the needs of Iowa students with dyslexia.
- e. Recommendations relating to dyslexia response for specific stakeholder groups, including but not limited to parents, educators, administrators, school boards, and institutions of higher education.
- f. A suggested timeline for implementation of the task force's recommendations.

Department of Education Antibullying Programming

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §4(1)

Sec. 4. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 172, section 50, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 50. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

\$ 2,982,024	<u>5,949,047</u>

FTEs	81.67 <u>60.43</u>

b. By January 15, 2019, the department shall submit a written report to the general assembly detailing the department's antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures for such programming for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

Community Rehabilitation Program Providers

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §4(3)

Sec. 4. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 172, section 50, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 50. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

3. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

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

.....	
\$	2,812,838 <u>5,677,908</u>
.....	
FTEs	255.00 <u>244.00</u>

For purposes of optimizing the job placement of individuals with disabilities, the division shall make its best efforts to work with community rehabilitation program providers for job placement and retention services for individuals with significant disabilities and most significant disabilities. By January 15, 2019, the division shall submit a written report to the general assembly on the division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers.

b. For matching moneys for programs to enable persons with severe physical or mental disabilities to function more independently, including salaries and support, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent position:

.....	
\$	42,412 <u>84,823</u>
.....	
FTEs	1.00

c. For the entrepreneurs with disabilities program established pursuant to section 259.4, subsection 9:

.....	
\$	69,253 <u>138,506</u>

d. For costs associated with centers for independent living:

.....	
\$	43,229 <u>86,457</u>

State Board of Regents Monthly Financial Report

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §6(1)

Sec. 6. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 172, section 52, as amended by 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 170, section 40, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 52. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the state board of regents for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. OFFICE OF STATE BOARD OF REGENTS	
a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:	
.....	\$ 397,357
.....	<u>775,655</u>
.....FTEs	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>2.48</u>

The state board of regents shall submit a monthly financial report in a format agreed upon by the state board of regents office and the legislative services agency. The report submitted in December 2018 shall include the five-year graduation rates for the regents universities.

Health Care Loan Repayment Program

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §20

Sec. 20. Section 261.116, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

261.116 Registered nurse and nurse educator Health care loan forgiveness repayment program.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

a. "Advanced registered nurse practitioner" means a person licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 152 or 152E who is licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

b. "Nurse educator" means a registered nurse who holds a master's degree or doctorate degree and is employed by a community college, an accredited private institution, or an institution of higher education governed by the state board of regents as a faculty member to teach nursing at a nursing education program approved by the board of nursing pursuant to section 152.5.

c. "Physician assistant" means a person licensed as a physician assistant under chapter 148C.

d. "Qualified student loan" means a loan that was made, insured, or guaranteed under Tit. IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, or under Tit. VII or VIII of the federal Public Health Service Act, as amended, directly to the borrower for attendance at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

e. "Service commitment area" means a city in Iowa with a population of less than twenty-six thousand that is located more than twenty miles from a city with a population of fifty thousand or more.

2. Program established. A ~~registered nurse and nurse educator health care loan forgiveness repayment program~~ is established to be administered by the commission. The program shall consist of loan forgiveness for eligible ~~federally guaranteed~~ for purposes of repaying the qualified student loans ~~for~~ of registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurse educators who practice full-time in a service commitment area or teach in this state, as appropriate, and who are selected for the program in accordance with this section. ~~For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "nurse educator" means a registered nurse who holds a master's degree or doctorate degree and is employed as a faculty member who teaches nursing as provided in~~ [655 IAC 2.6](#)

~~(152) at a community college, an accredited private institution, or an institution of higher education governed by the state board of regents.~~ An applicant who is a member of the Iowa national guard is exempt from the service commitment area requirement, but shall submit an affidavit verifying the applicant is practicing full-time in this state.

~~2.~~ 3. Application requirements. Each applicant for loan ~~forgiveness repayment~~ shall, in accordance with the rules of the commission, do the following:

a. Complete and file an application for ~~registered nurse or nurse educator loan forgiveness repayment~~. The individual shall be responsible for the prompt submission of any information required by the commission.

b. File a new application and submit information as required by the commission annually on the basis of which the applicant's eligibility for the renewed loan ~~forgiveness repayment~~ will be evaluated and determined.

c. Complete and return, on a form approved by the commission, an affidavit of practice verifying that the applicant is a registered nurse, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant who is

Health Care Loan Repayment Program

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §20, continued

~~practicing full-time in a service commitment area in this state or is a nurse educator teaching at a community college, an accredited private institution, or an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents who teaches full-time in this state. If practice in a service commitment area is required as a condition of receiving loan repayment, the affidavit shall specify the service commitment area in which the applicant is practicing full-time.~~

~~3.~~ 4. Loan repayment amounts.

~~a.~~ The annual amount of registered nurse loan forgiveness for a registered nurse who completes a course of study, which leads to a baccalaureate or associate degree of nursing, diploma in nursing, or a graduate or equivalent degree in nursing, and who practices in this state, repayment provided to a recipient under this section shall not exceed the resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents for the first year following the registered nurse's graduation from a nursing education program approved by the board of nursing pursuant to section 152.5 six thousand dollars, or twenty percent of the registered nurse's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan amount under the federal family education loan program or the federal direct loan program, including principal and interest recipient's total qualified student loan, whichever amount is less. A registered nurse shall be recipient is eligible for the loan forgiveness repayment program for not more than five consecutive years.

~~b.~~ The annual amount of nurse educator loan forgiveness shall not exceed the resident tuition rate established for institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents for the first year following the nurse educator's graduation from an advanced formal academic nursing education program approved by the board of nursing pursuant to section 152.5, or twenty percent of the nurse educator's total federally guaranteed Stafford loan amount under the federal family education loan program or the federal direct loan program, including principal and interest, whichever amount is less. A nurse educator shall be eligible for the loan forgiveness program for not more than five consecutive years.

~~4.~~ 5. Selection criteria. The commission shall establish by rule the evaluation criteria to be used in evaluating applications submitted under this section. Priority shall be given to applicants who are residents of Iowa and, if requested by the adjutant general, to applicants who are members of the Iowa national guard.

~~6.~~ Health care loan repayment fund. A registered nurse and nurse educator health care loan forgiveness repayment fund is created for deposit of moneys appropriated to or received by the commission for use under the program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys deposited in the health care loan repayment fund shall not revert to any fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year but shall remain in the loan repayment fund and be continuously available for loan repayment under the program. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the health care loan fund shall be credited to the fund.

~~5.~~ 7. Report. The commission shall submit in a report to the general assembly by January 1, annually, the number of individuals who received loan repayment pursuant to this section, where the participants practiced or taught, the amount paid to each program participant, and other information identified by the commission as indicators of outcomes from of the program.

Health Care Loan Repayment Program

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2415, §20, continued

~~6~~ 8. Rules. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

Sale of Eggs

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2408, §1

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.16A Vendors participating in federal programs — egg sales.

1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a. "Conventional eggs" means eggs others than specialty eggs.
 - b. "Eggs" means shell eggs that are graded as "AA", "A", or "B" pursuant to 7 C.F.R. pt. 56, subpt. A, and that are sold at retail in commercial markets.
 - c. "Federal food program" means the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children as provided in 42 U.S.C. §1786, et seq.
 - d. "Grocery store" means a food establishment as defined in section 137F.1 licensed by the department of inspections and appeals pursuant to section 137F.4, to sell food or food products to customers intended for preparation or consumption off premises.
 - e. "Specialty eggs" means eggs produced by domesticated chickens, and sold at retail in commercial markets if the chickens producing such eggs are advertised as being housed in any of the following environments:
 - (1) Cage-free.
 - (2) Free-range.
 - (3) Enriched colony cage.
2. a. The department of inspections and appeals shall assist the Iowa department of public health in adopting rules necessary to implement and administer this section.
 - b. If necessary to implement, administer, and enforce this section, the Iowa department of public health, in cooperation with the department of agriculture and land stewardship, shall submit a request to the United States department of agriculture for a waiver or other exception from regulations as deemed feasible by the Iowa department of public health. The Iowa department of public health shall regularly report the status of such request to the legislative services agency.
3. A grocery store that is a vendor participating in a federal food program and offering specialty eggs for retail sale shall maintain an inventory of conventional eggs for retail sale sufficient to meet federal and state requirements for participation in the federal food program.
4. This section does not require a grocery store to do any of the following:
 - a. Stock or sell specialty eggs.
 - b. Stock or sell eggs, if the grocery store elects not to stock or sell conventional eggs for retail sale as part of its normal business.
 - c. Comply with the provisions of this section, if the grocery store's inventory of eggs for retail sale was limited to specialty eggs prior to January 1, 2018.
5. A violation of subsection 3 by a grocery store shall not be construed to disqualify a grocery store from participating in a federal food program unless otherwise authorized by the United States department of agriculture.

Student Health Working Group

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 475, §14

Sec. 14. STUDENT HEALTH WORKING GROUP.

1. The department of public health and the department of education shall convene a student health working group to review state-initiated student health requirements, including but not limited to requirements relating to dental and vision health screenings under sections 135.17 and 135.39D, blood lead testing under section 135.105D, and immunizations under section 139A.8, and other related requirements imposed on public schools. The working group shall study measures for implementing such student health screening requirements while reducing the administrative burden such requirements impose on public schools. The working group shall develop a uniform enforcement framework that includes a single method for enforcement of the current student health requirements and related data collection.

2. Voting members of the working group shall include persons deemed appropriate by the department of public health as well as one representative of each of the following, appointed by the respective entity:

- a. The department of education.
- b. The department of public health.
- c. The area education agencies.
- d. The Iowa academy of family physicians.

3. a. The working group shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the voting members appointed.

b. A majority of the voting members of the working group shall constitute a quorum.

4. The department of public health and the department of education shall work cooperatively to provide staffing and administrative support to the working group.

5. The working group shall submit its uniform enforcement framework, findings, and recommendations to the general assembly not later than December 31, 2018.

Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Initiative

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(1)(a)

Sec. 6. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 42, subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, are amended to read as follows:

1. ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

For reducing the prevalence of the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, and treating individuals affected by addictive behaviors, including gambling, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....
\$ 12,492,915 <u>24,804,344</u>
.....
FTEs	10.00 <u>11.00</u>

a. (1) Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, ~~\$2,010,612~~ \$4,021,225 shall be used for the tobacco use prevention and control initiative, including efforts at the state and local levels, as provided in chapter 142A. The commission on tobacco use prevention and control established pursuant to section 142A.3 shall advise the director of public health in prioritizing funding needs and the allocation of moneys appropriated for the programs and initiatives. Activities of the programs and initiatives shall be in alignment with the United States centers for disease control and prevention best practices for comprehensive tobacco control programs that include the goals of preventing youth initiation of tobacco usage, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and promotion of tobacco cessation. To maximize resources, the department shall determine if third-party sources are available to instead provide nicotine replacement products to an applicant prior to provision of such products to an applicant under the initiative. The department shall track and report to the individuals specified in this Act, any reduction in the provision of nicotine replacement products realized by the initiative through implementation of the prerequisite screening.

(2) (a) The department shall collaborate with the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce for enforcement of tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances and to engage in tobacco control activities approved by the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health as specified in the memorandum of understanding entered into between the divisions.

(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the terms of the memorandum of understanding, entered into between the division of tobacco use prevention and control of the department of public health and the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce, governing compliance checks conducted to ensure licensed retail tobacco outlet conformity with tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances relating to persons under 18 years of age, shall continue to restrict the number of such checks to one check per retail outlet, and one additional check for any retail outlet found to be in violation during the first check.

Substance Use Services Reimbursement Workgroup

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(1)(d)

d. The department of public health, in collaboration with the department of human services, shall engage a stakeholder workgroup to review reimbursement provisions applicable to substance use disorder services providers. The issues considered by the workgroup shall include but are not limited to the adequacy of reimbursement provisions including for both outpatient and residential treatment, whether it is appropriate to rebase reimbursement, whether there is equity in reimbursement compared to the reimbursement methodologies used for providers of similar behavioral health services, and access to substance use disorder services providers including whether the designated number of community mental health centers in the state is sufficient. The workgroup shall review the reports of previous workgroups including those authorized in 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1140, section 3, subsection 1, and shall report the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 15, 2018.

Child Vision Screening Program

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(4)(a)

Sec. 6. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 42, subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, are amended to read as follows:

4. COMMUNITY CAPACITY

For strengthening the health care delivery system at the local level, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	
\$ 1,453,888	
	<u>4,9</u>
<u>70,152</u>	
.....	
FTEs	13.00

a. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, ~~\$47,787~~ \$95,575 is allocated for continuation of the child vision screening program implemented through the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics in collaboration with early childhood Iowa areas. The program shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "a". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on service provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Volunteer Eye Organization Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §6(4)(1)

1. Of the funds appropriated in this subsection, ~~\$48,069~~ \$96,138 shall be used for continuation of a grant to a nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization that has an established program for children and adults and that is solely dedicated to preserving sight and preventing blindness through education, nationally certified vision screening and training, and community and patient service programs. The organization shall submit a report to the individuals identified in this Act for submission of reports regarding the use of funds allocated under this paragraph "1". The report shall include the objectives and results for the program year including the target population and how the funds allocated assisted the program in meeting the objectives; the number, age, and location within the state of individuals served; the type of services provided to the individuals served; the distribution of funds based on services provided; and the continuing needs of the program.

Payment of Nursing Facility Room and Board Expenses

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2309, §1

Section 1. DUALY ELIGIBLE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING HOSPICE BENEFIT IN A NURSING FACILITY — OPTIONS FOR ELIMINATION OF PASS-THROUGH PAYMENT. The department of human services, after consulting with affected providers and stakeholders, shall pursue options for the payment of the nursing facility room and board expenses for a dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid member receiving the Medicare hospice benefit, to allow Medicaid managed care organizations and the department's fee-for-service Medicaid payment system to reimburse the nursing facility directly for the room and board expenses rather than indirectly as a pass-through payment from the hospice services provider. The department of human services shall report all options identified to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, the legislative services agency, and the legislative caucus staffs on or before October 1, 2018.

Commitment Processes

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §17

Sec. 17. COMMITMENT PROCESS REVIEW. The department of human services, in cooperation with the department of public health, representative members of the judicial branch, the Iowa hospital association, the Iowa medical society, the national alliance on mental illness, the Iowa state sheriffs' and deputies' association, Iowa behavioral health association, and other affected or interested stakeholders shall review the commitment processes under chapters 125 and 229 and shall report recommendations for improvements in the processes and any amendments to law to increase efficiencies and more appropriately utilize the array of mental health and disability services available based upon an individual's needs to the governor and the general assembly by December 31, 2018.

Tertiary Care Psychiatric Hospitals

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §18

Sec. 18. TERTIARY CARE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS. The departments of human services and inspections and appeals, representative members of the Iowa hospital association, managed care organizations, the national alliance on mental illness, the mental health institutes, and other affected or interested stakeholders shall review the role of tertiary care psychiatric hospitals in the array of mental health services and shall report recommendations for providing tertiary psychiatric services to the governor and the general assembly by November 30, 2018. The recommendations shall address the role and responsibilities of tertiary care psychiatric hospitals in the mental health array of services in the state, the viability of utilizing the mental health institutes as tertiary care psychiatric hospitals, any potential sustainable funding, and admissions criteria.

Reimbursement Rates for Assertive Community Treatment

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2456, §21

Sec. 21. ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT — REIMBURSEMENT RATES. The department of human services shall review the reimbursement rates for assertive community treatment and shall report recommendations for reimbursement rates to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018. The recommendations shall address any potential sustainable funding.

Long-term Care Options Pilot Initiative

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §4

Sec. 4. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 40, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 9. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$100,000 shall be used by the department on aging, in collaboration with the department of human services and affected stakeholders, to design a pilot initiative to provide long-term care options counseling utilizing support planning protocols, to assist non-Medicaid eligible consumers who indicate a preference to return to the community and are deemed appropriate for discharge, to return to their community following a nursing facility stay. The department on aging shall submit the design plan as well as recommendations for legislation necessary to administer the initiative, including but not limited to legislation to allow the exchange of contact information for nursing facility residents appropriate for discharge planning, to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program Engagement

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §12

Sec. 12. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 46, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. The department of human services shall convene a workgroup to review opportunities to increase state engagement in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) employment and training program. The workgroup shall explore the feasibility of expansion of the current pilot program to a statewide basis, the potential involvement of community-based organizations to the extent allowed by federal law, and the leveraging of state and private funding to match available federal funds. The membership of the workgroup shall include representatives of the department of human services, community colleges, community-based organizations serving SNAP recipients, philanthropic organizations, and other stakeholders with relevant interest or expertise as determined by the department. The workgroup shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018.

Tiered Rate Provider Actuarial Workgroup

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §20(25)

NEW SUBSECTION. 25. The department of human services shall utilize \$3,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this section to adjust current supported community living provider daily rate cells under the tiered rate reimbursement methodology effective with dates of service beginning July 1, 2018. The department shall work with the Medicaid program actuary to evaluate the current tiered rates and the tiered rates phase-in plan to determine the necessary apportionment of such funds. In addition, the department, working with the Medicaid program actuary, shall review the current tiered rates and the tiered rates phase-in plan and shall propose recommendations for any changes. The department shall convene the tiered rate provider workgroup initially convened in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to review the actuarial findings and recommendations. The tiered rates may be adjusted based upon the actuarial findings and recommendations if such adjustments are budget neutral. A report of the actuarial findings, recommendations, and comments provided by the tiered rate provider workgroup shall be submitted to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018. If additional funding is appropriated to implement the recommendations, the additional funding shall be incorporated into the managed care organization capitation rate setting process for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

Medicaid Fee Schedule Report

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §20(26)

NEW SUBSECTION. 26. The department of human services shall review all current Medicaid fee schedules and shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly by January 15, 2019, regarding how the current rates compare to the equivalent Medicare fee schedules or other appropriate reimbursement methodologies for specific services and including a plan for phased-in implementation of any changes.

Children's Mental Health System Strategic Plan

2017 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §36(8)

8. The department of human services shall submit the strategic plan to create and implement a children's mental health system submitted to the governor by the children's system state board established by Executive Order Number Two issued April 23, 2018, to the general assembly by November 15, 2018.

Mandatory Reporter Training and Certification Requirements Workgroup

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §92

Sec. 92. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION WORKGROUP. The department of human services, in cooperation with the departments of education and public health, shall facilitate a study by a workgroup of stakeholders to make recommendations relating to mandatory child abuse and mandatory dependent adult abuse reporter training and certification requirements. The workgroup shall develop interdepartmental strategies for improving mandatory child abuse and mandatory dependent adult abuse reporter training and certification requirements. The workgroup shall consist of representatives from the departments of human services, education, public health, public safety, and human rights, the department on aging, and the office of the attorney general; a court appointed special advocate; and other experts the department of human services deems necessary. The membership of the workgroup shall also include four members of the general assembly. The legislative members shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the workgroup, with one member to be appointed by each of the following: the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives. The workgroup shall submit a report with recommendations, including but not limited to strategies developed and other proposed improvements, to the governor and the general assembly on or before December 15, 2018.

Mental Health and Disability Regional Services Fund Transfer Reports

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §109

Sec. 109. MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES — TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Notwithstanding section 331.432, a county with a population of over 300,000 based on the most recent federal decennial census, may transfer funds from any other fund of the county to the mental health and disability regional services fund for the purposes of providing mental health and disability services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. The county shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly by September 1, 2019, including the source of any funds transferred, the amount of the funds transferred, and the mental health and disability services provided with the transferred funds.

Geriatric Patient Housing Report

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §117

Sec. 117. GERIATRIC PATIENT HOUSING REVIEW.

1. During the 2018 legislative interim, the department on aging and the departments of human services, inspections and appeals, and corrections, cooperatively, shall review issues and develop policy recommendations relating to housing for geriatric persons, including geriatric individuals who are registered on the sex offender registry or who are sexually aggressive. The review shall address all aspects of the issue including the feasibility of private entities utilizing facilities located at Mount Pleasant, Clarinda, or other vacant, state-owned facilities to care for such geriatric persons; related workforce recruitment and training; requirements that a facility must meet in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement; and any other information or issues deemed appropriate by the agencies.

2. The agencies shall submit a joint report with recommendations to the governor and general assembly by December 15, 2018.

Transfer of Appropriations made to Institutions

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §121

Sec. 121. Section 218.6, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

218.6 Transfer of appropriations made to institutions.

1. Notwithstanding section 8.39, subsection 1, without the prior written consent and approval of the governor and the director of the department of management, the director of human services may transfer funds between the appropriations made for the institutions, listed as follows:

- ~~1.~~ a. The state resource centers.
- ~~2.~~ b. The state mental health institutes.
- ~~3.~~ c. The state training school.
- ~~4.~~ d. The civil commitment unit for sexual offenders.

2. The department shall report any transfer made pursuant to subsection 1 during a fiscal quarter to the legislative services agency within thirty days of the beginning of the subsequent fiscal quarter.

Decreased Level of Care Determinations Review

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(2)(c)

c. The department of human services shall utilize an independent, external quality review vendor to complete a review of a random case sample of decreased level of care determinations using national best practices to ensure that appropriate medically necessary services are provided to meet Medicaid member needs. The department shall report the findings of the review to the governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2018, including any plan necessary to address the findings.

Dismissed, Withdrawn, or Overturned Medicaid Member Appeals Report

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(2)(d)

d. The department of human services, on an annual basis, shall conduct an analysis of all Medicaid member appeals that have been dismissed, withdrawn, or overturned to determine if there are any negative patterns or trends based on the analysis. The services of any member whose appeal is subject to the analysis shall continue for the period during which an interdisciplinary team conducts a new assessment to determine which services are medically necessary for that member, which period shall not exceed ninety days. A report of the analysis and findings shall be submitted to the governor and the general assembly on a biannual basis and the department shall develop a plan as necessary to address any negative patterns or trends identified by the analysis.

Health Home Programs Workgroup

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(3)(a)

a. (1) The department of human services shall facilitate a workgroup, in collaboration with representatives of the managed care organizations and health home providers, to review the health home programs. The review shall include all of the following:

(a) An analysis of the state plan amendments applicable to health homes.

(b) An analysis of the current health home system, including the rationale for any recommended changes.

(c) The development of a clear and consistent delivery model linked to program-determined outcomes and data reporting requirements.

(d) A work plan to be used in communicating with stakeholders regarding the administration and operation of the health home programs.

(2) The department of human services shall submit a report of the workgroup's findings, recommendations, and any actions taken by December 15, 2018, to the governor and to the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, 2019 session, for consideration.

(3) The workgroup and the workgroup's activities shall not affect the department's authority to apply or enforce the Medicaid state plan amendment relative to health homes.

Medicaid Small Dollar Claims Audit

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §128(3)(c)

c. The department of human services shall enter into a contract with an independent review organization to perform an audit of a random sample of small dollar claims paid to or denied Medicaid long-term services and supports providers during the first quarter of the 2018 calendar year. The department of human services shall submit a report of the findings of the audit to the governor and the general assembly by February 1, 2019. The department may take any action specified in the managed care contract relative to any claim the auditor determines to be incorrectly paid or denied, subject to appeal by the managed care organization to the director of human services. For the purposes of this paragraph, "small dollar claims" means those claims less than or equal to two thousand five hundred dollars.

Medicaid Managed Care Trends and Issues

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2418, §131

Sec. 131. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL — REVIEW OF MEDICAID MANAGED CARE REPORT DATA. The executive committee of the medical assistance advisory council shall review the data collected and analyzed for inclusion in periodic reports to the general assembly, including but not limited to the information and data specified in 2016 Iowa Acts, chapter 1139, section 93, to determine which data points and information should be included and analyzed to more accurately identify trends and issues with, and promote the effective and efficient administration of, Medicaid managed care for all stakeholders. At a minimum, the areas of focus shall include consumer protection, provider network access and safeguards, outcome achievement, and program integrity. The executive committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the medical assistance advisory council for review and comment by October 1, 2018, and shall submit a final report of findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by December 31, 2018.

Department of Justice Funding and Reimbursement Information

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §1(2)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 167, section 27, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 27. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. a. The department of justice, in submitting budget estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, pursuant to section 8.23, shall include a report of funding from sources other than amounts appropriated directly from the general fund of the state to the department of justice or to the office of consumer advocate. These funding sources shall include but are not limited to reimbursements from other state agencies, commissions, boards, or similar entities, and reimbursements from special funds or internal accounts within the department of justice. The department of justice shall also report actual reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and actual and expected reimbursements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018.

b. The department of justice shall include the report required under paragraph "a", as well as information regarding any revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements actually received or expected at a later date, in a report to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system and the legislative services agency. The department of justice shall submit the report on or before January 15, 2019.

Cost-Effectiveness of Specialty Courts

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §22

Sec. 22. SPECIALTY COURTS — STUDY. The judicial branch and the department of corrections in cooperation with the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of the department of human rights, and the judicial district departments of correctional services, shall study the effectiveness and recidivism rates of persons assigned to the specialty courts of the judicial branch. The national center for state courts may be utilized in order to complete the study. The judicial branch shall file a report detailing the cost-effectiveness of the specialty courts including any recommendations with the general assembly and the fiscal services division of the legislative services agency by January 15, 2019.

Judicial Branch Monthly Financial Statements

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(3)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 166, section 9, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial statements to the legislative services agency and the department of management containing all appropriated accounts in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status reports and personal services usage reports of the department of administrative services. The monthly financial statements shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and dollars.

Judicial Branch Appropriations

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(6)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 166, section 9, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the revisions is given prior to their effective date to the legislative services agency. The notice shall include information on the branch's rationale for making the changes and details concerning the workload and performance measures upon which the changes are based.

Iowa Court Information System

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(7)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 166, section 9, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa court information system since the last report. The judicial branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital sentencing and other information with other state departments and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice system through the Iowa court information system.

Enhanced Court Collections Fund and Court Technology and Modernization Fund

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2495, §1(8)

Section 1. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 166, section 9, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 9. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general assembly by January 1, 2019, concerning the amounts received and expended from the enhanced court collections fund created in section 602.1304 and the court technology and modernization fund created in section 602.8108, subsection 9, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and the plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. A copy of the report shall be provided to the legislative services agency.

Department of Public Safety Reallocations

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2492, §11(8)

Sec. 11. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 167, section 41, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 41. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department of public safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

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

.....
\$ ~~412,760~~ 825,520

a. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure only for the purpose designated in this subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

b. Notwithstanding section 8.39, the department of public safety may reallocate moneys appropriated in this section as necessary to best fulfill the needs provided for in the appropriation. However, the department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated to the department in this section unless notice of the reallocation is given to the legislative services agency and the department of management prior to the effective date of the reallocation. The notice shall include information regarding the rationale for reallocating the moneys. The department shall not reallocate moneys appropriated in this section for the purpose of eliminating any program.

Major Maintenance and Improvement Projects

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2414, §1(9)

Section 1. REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND — APPROPRIATIONS. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to the following departments and agencies for the following fiscal years, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

9. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

a. For major maintenance projects at national guard armories and facilities:

FY 2018-2019:

.....
\$ 1,000,000

b. For improvement projects for Iowa national guard installations and readiness centers to support operations and training requirements:

FY 2018-2019:

.....
\$ 1,000,000

c. For construction improvement projects at the Camp Dodge facility:

FY 2018-2019:

.....
\$ 250,000

d. The department of public defense shall report to the general assembly by December 15, 2018, regarding the projects the department has funded, or intends to fund, from moneys appropriated to the department pursuant to this subsection.

County Reports Annual Cumulative Report

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2256, §1

Section 1. Section 307.32, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

307.32 Annual report — secondary road construction program — structurally deficient bridges —repeal.

On or before February 15 of each year, the department, in collaboration with the Iowa county engineers association, shall compile the annual reports received from counties pursuant to sections 309.22 and 309.22A into a cumulative report and submit the cumulative report in electronic format to the chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on transportation and the legislative services agency. ~~This section is repealed June 30, 2019.~~

Estimated Impact of High-Efficiency Motor Vehicles on Future Revenues

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2256, §3

Sec. 3. ELECTRIC, HYBRID, AND HIGH-EFFICIENCY MOTOR VEHICLES — REPORT. The department of transportation shall estimate the impact of increased usage of electric, hybrid, and other high-efficiency motor vehicles in this state on future revenues to the road use tax fund. The department shall evaluate and may recommend the creation of alternative funding mechanisms or the alteration of existing funding mechanisms to mitigate any estimated decrease in future revenues to the road use tax fund related to increased usage of electric, hybrid, and other high-efficiency motor vehicles. The department shall submit a report, in paper or electronic format, containing the department's estimate, evaluation, and any recommendations to the general assembly and the state transportation commission on or before December 31, 2018.

Peace Officer Enforcement Activities

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2494, §3

Sec. 3. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 149, section 4, is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4. REPEAL. The section of this Act amending section 321.477 is repealed July 1, ~~2018~~ 2019.

Career and Technical Training and Work-Based Learning Programs

2016 Iowa Acts, HF 2392, §77

Sec. 77. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE. The legislative council shall establish an interim study committee composed of members of the senate and the house of representatives to meet during the 2019 legislative interim. The committee, in consultation with former members of the secondary career and technical programming task force convened pursuant to 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 141, section 52, shall study administrative rules implementing this division of this Act, including an assessment of the membership of the regional career and technical education planning partnerships to assure that all affected groups have substantial representation, and any other matters concerning implementation of this division of this Act. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly for consideration during the 2020 legislative session.

Tax Credits Interim Committee

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2417, §40

Sec. 40. 2019 INTERIM TAX CREDIT STUDY.

1. The legislative council is requested to authorize a study committee to evaluate tax credits available under Iowa law, including Iowa's utilization of tax credits as a tool for promoting and supporting economic growth and development. The study committee shall also consider new or different tax credits or incentive programs, or tax rate or structure changes, that will foster economic growth and improve Iowa's overall tax and economic development climate. The study committee shall make recommendations that the committee believes will improve predictability for the state's budget, improve accountability to the taxpayers of Iowa, maximize flexibility in utilization, and place Iowa in the best position for attracting and retaining workers and businesses in the future. In developing recommendations, the study committee shall place significant emphasis on directing tax credits, incentive programs, or tax rate or structure changes toward Iowa workers and programs to strengthen Iowa's workforce by incentivizing efforts to expand Iowans' skills and capabilities in high-demand career fields.

2. The study committee shall consist of five members of the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and five members of the house of representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

3. The study committee shall meet during the 2019 legislative interim to make recommendations for consideration during the 2020 legislative session in a report submitted to the general assembly.

Public Retirement Systems Committee

Iowa Code §97D.4

97D.4 Public retirement systems committee established.

1. A public retirement systems committee is established.
 - a. The committee shall consist of three members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
 - b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve for terms ending upon the convening of the following general assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.
 - c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Meetings may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the members.
2. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and per diem shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to section 2.12.
3. The committee shall:
 - a. Develop and recommend retirement standards and a coherent state policy on public retirement systems.
 - b. Continuously survey pension and retirement developments in other states and in industry and business and periodically review the state's policy and standards in view of these developments and changing economic and social conditions.
 - c. Review the provisions in the public retirement systems in effect in this state.
 - d. Review individually sponsored bills relating to the public retirement systems.
 - e. Review proposals from interested associations and organizations recommending changes in the state's retirement laws.
 - f. Study the feasibility of adopting a consolidated retirement system for the public employees of this state.
 - g. Make recommendations to the general assembly.
4. The committee may:
 - a. Contract for actuarial assistance deemed necessary, and the costs of actuarial studies are payable from funds appropriated in section 2.12, subject to the approval of the legislative council.
 - b. Administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and cite for contempt with the approval of the general assembly when the general assembly is in session and

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Iowa Code §97D.4, continued

with the approval of the legislative council when the general assembly is not in session.

5. Administrative assistance shall be provided by the legislative services agency.

State Government Efficiency Review Committee

Iowa Code §2.69

2.69 State government efficiency review committee established.

1. A state government efficiency review committee is established which shall meet at least every two years to review the operations of state government. The committee shall meet as directed by the legislative council.

2. a. The committee shall consist of three members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve for terms ending upon the convening of the following general assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.

3. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and per diem shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to section 2.12.

4. The committee shall do the following:

a. Review and consider options for reorganizing state government to improve efficiency, modernize processes, eliminate duplication and outdated processes, reduce costs, and increase accountability. The review shall address the expanded use of the internet and other technology, and the incorporation of productivity improvement measures.

b. Review recommendations received through a process to receive state government efficiency suggestions offered by the public and public employees.

c. Comprehensively review on a regular basis the programs and projects administered by state government to determine whether each program and project reviewed is effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which created, and whether the needs remain applicable. The review shall consider whether modifications to the program or project reviewed could better meet the needs identified in a more effective manner.

d. Issue a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the general assembly.

5. The first report required by this section shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2013, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every second year thereafter.

6. Administrative assistance shall be provided by the legislative services agency.

School Finance Formula Review Committee

Iowa Code §257.1(4)

4. *Legislative review.* The provisions of this chapter shall be subject to legislative review at least every five years. The review shall be based upon a school finance formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the school finance formula, to be prepared with the assistance of the department of education, in association with the departments of management and revenue. The report shall include recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution. The first such report shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2005, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every fifth year thereafter.

Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Committee

Iowa Code §452A.(3)(1)(c)

c. The provisions of paragraph "b" and subsection 6, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), shall be subject to legislative review at least every six years. The review shall be based upon a fuel distribution percentage formula status report containing the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the fuel distribution percentage formulas, to be prepared with the assistance of the department of revenue in association with the department of transportation. The report shall include recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding six-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding six-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues. The first such report shall be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2020, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every sixth year thereafter.

Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2382, §1

Section 1. Section 542B.3, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

542B.3 Engineering and land surveying examining board created.

An engineering and land surveying examining board is created within the professional licensing and regulation bureau of the banking division of the department of commerce. The board consists of ~~four~~ three members who are licensed professional engineers, ~~one member who is a~~ two members who are licensed professional land ~~surveyor or a professional engineer who is also a~~ surveyors, and two members who are not licensed professional engineers or licensed professional land surveyors and who shall represent the general public. An individual who is licensed as both a professional engineer and a professional land surveyor may serve to satisfy the board membership requirement for either a licensed professional engineer or a licensed professional land surveyor, but not both. Members shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. A licensed member shall be actively engaged in the practice of engineering or land surveying and shall have been so engaged for five years preceding the appointment, the last two of which shall have been in Iowa. Insofar as practicable, licensed engineer members of the board shall be from different branches of the profession of engineering. Professional associations or societies composed of licensed engineers or licensed land surveyors may recommend the names of potential board members whose profession is representative of that association or society to the governor. However, the governor is not bound by the recommendations. A board member shall not be required to be a member of any professional association or society composed of professional engineers or professional land surveyors.

Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program Expenditures

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 512 §4

Sec. 4. Section 16.134, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

16.134 Wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program.

1. The Iowa finance authority shall establish and administer a wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide financial assistance to enhance water quality. The program shall be administered in accordance with rules adopted by the authority pursuant to chapter 17A. For purposes of this section, "program" means the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program and "committee" means the water quality financing review committee created in subsection 9.

2. A wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance fund is created and shall consist of appropriations made to the fund and transfers of interest, earnings, and moneys from other funds as provided by law. Moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section 16.134A are appropriated to the authority for purposes of the program. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

3. Financial assistance under the program shall be used to install or upgrade wastewater treatment facilities and systems and drinking water treatment facilities and systems, including source water protection projects, and for engineering or technical assistance for facility planning and design.

4. The authority committee shall distribute approve financial assistance in from the fund in accordance with the following:

a. The goal of the program shall be to base awards on the impact of the grant combined with other sources of financing to ensure that sewer rates do not exceed one and one-half percent of a community's median household income.

b. a. Communities shall be eligible for financial assistance by qualifying as Priority shall be given for projects in which a disadvantaged community and is seeking financial assistance for the installation or upgrade of wastewater treatment facilities due to regulatory activity by the department of natural resources and drinking water treatment facilities. For purposes of this section, the term "disadvantaged community" means the same as defined by the department.

c. b. Priority shall be given to projects in which the meeting criteria established in section 455B.199B in which the applicant seeks financial assistance is to be used to obtain with financing under the water pollution control works and drinking water facilities financing program pursuant to section 16.131 or other federal, or state, or private financing.

d. c. Priority shall also be given to projects whose completion will provide significant improvement to water quality in the relevant watershed.

e. d. Priority shall also be given to communities that employ an alternative wastewater treatment technology pursuant to section 455B.199C.

f. e. Priority shall be also be given to those communities where sewer or water rates are the highest as a percentage of that community's

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median household income.

f. Priority shall also be given to communities that employ technology to address the latest version of the "Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy" initially presented in November 2012 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship, the department of natural resources, and Iowa state university of science and technology.

g. Financial assistance in the form of grants shall be issued on an annual basis.

h. An applicant shall not receive a grant that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars.

4A. A utility management organization formed under chapter 28E or operated by a rural water system organized under chapter 357A or chapter 504 shall be considered eligible for financial assistance under the program.

5. The authority in cooperation with the department of natural resources shall share provide information and resources to the committee when the committee is determining the qualifications of a community for financial assistance from the fund.

6. The authority shall enter into agreements with financial assistance recipients and distribute moneys under the program pursuant to financial assistance determinations made by the committee. The authority may use an amount of not more than four one percent of any moneys appropriated for deposit in the fund for administration purposes.

7. By October 1 of each year, the authority shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly itemizing expenditures under the program during the previous fiscal year, if any.

8. a. Beginning September 1, 2027, and every ten years thereafter, a program review committee is established for purposes of reviewing the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program. By December 1 of the same year, the program review committee shall file a report with the governor and the general assembly that reviews the effectiveness of the program during the prior ten fiscal years.

b. The program review committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) The governor or the governor's designee.

(2) The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee.

(3) The executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee.

(4) The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee.

(5) Four members of the general assembly, with two from the senate and two from the house of representatives and not more than one member from each chamber being from the same political party. The two senators shall be designated one member each by the president of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, and by the minority leader of the senate. The two representatives shall be designated one member each by the speaker of the house of representatives, after consultation with the majority

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leader of the house of representatives, and by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

c. Staffing services shall be provided by the authority.

9. a. A water quality financing review committee is created consisting of the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, the executive director of the authority or the executive director's designee, and the director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee.

b. The committee shall review and approve or deny applications for financial assistance under the wastewater and drinking water treatment financial assistance program established in this section.

Dyslexia Response Task Force

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2360, §1(1)

Section 1. DYSLEXIA RESPONSE TASK FORCE AND REPORT.

1. The department of education shall establish a dyslexia task force. The task force shall consist of the following members:

- a. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.
- b. A representative of the Iowa reading research center.
- c. A representative of an area education agency.
- d. One school administrator.
- e. One reading specialist.
- f. One special education teacher.
- g. Two representatives of decoding dyslexia who are parents of children with dyslexia.
- h. One representative of decoding dyslexia who is an individual with dyslexia.
- i. One provider certified in a structured literacy reading program.
- j. One psychologist or speech language pathologist licensed in the state of Iowa with experience in diagnosing dyslexia.
- k. A representative of an institution of higher education in Iowa with documented expertise in dyslexia and reading instruction.

Commission of Veterans Affairs

2018 Iowa Acts, SF 2366, §1

Section 1. Section 35A.2, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2018, are amended to read as follows:

1. A commission of veterans affairs is created consisting of ~~nine~~ eleven persons who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be appointed to staggered terms of four years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. The governor shall fill a vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. In addition to the members appointed by the governor, the director of the department and the commandant of the Iowa veterans home shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission.

2. ~~Eight~~ Ten commissioners shall be honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States. The American legion of Iowa, disabled American veterans department of Iowa, veterans of foreign wars department of Iowa, American veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, the Vietnam veterans of America, and the military order of the purple heart, the paralyzed veterans of America, and the Iowa association of county commissioners and veteran service officers, through their department commanders, shall submit two names respectively from their organizations to the governor. The adjutant general and the Iowa affiliate of the reserve officers association shall submit names to the governor of persons to represent the Iowa national guard and the association. The governor shall appoint from the group of names submitted by the adjutant general and reserve officers association two representatives and from each of the other organizations one representative to serve as a member of the commission, unless the appointments would conflict with the bipartisan and gender balance provisions of sections 69.16 and 69.16A. In addition, the governor shall appoint one member of the public, knowledgeable in the general field of veterans affairs, to serve on the commission.

Technology Advisory Council

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 637, §4

Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 8B.8, Code 2018, is repealed.

Mississippi River Partnership Council

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2365, §2

Sec. 2. REPEAL. Chapter 28N, Code 2018, is repealed.

Brushy Creek Recreation Trails Advisory Board

2018 Iowa Acts, HF 2365, §3

Sec. 3. REPEAL. Sections 455A.8 and 455A.8A, Code 2018, are repealed