

## CHAPTER 10

## SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

## H. F. 506

AN ACT to appropriate from the general fund of the state of Iowa for the biennium beginning July 1, 1953, and ending June 30, 1955, to the social welfare department for the purpose of aid to blind fund, aid to dependent children fund, child welfare fund, emergency relief fund and the old-age assistance fund, and to repeal sections two hundred forty-nine point forty-four (249.44), two hundred thirty-nine point ten (239.10) and two hundred forty-one point twenty-five (241.25), Code 1950, and enact substitutes in lieu thereof, relating to the confidential nature of certain records pertaining to the recipients under the laws relating to old-age assistance, dependent children and aid for the blind; providing for issuance of reports showing disbursements to recipients with public access thereto; prohibiting certain uses of this information and providing penalty for violation thereof.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. For the social welfare department there is hereby ap-  
 2 propriated from the general fund of the state for each year of the bien-  
 3 nium beginning July 1, 1953, and ending June 30, 1955, the sum of  
 4 seven million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$7,320,000.00)  
 5 to be used in the following manner:

6	For aid to blind fund.....	\$ 410,000.00
7	For aid to dependent children fund.....	2,200,000.00
8	For child welfare fund.....	300,000.00
9	For emergency relief fund.....	10,000.00
10	For old-age assistance fund (in addition to ten mil- 11 lion dollars (\$10,000,000.00) appropriated for this pur- 12 pose by section two hundred forty-nine point thirty-six 13 (249.36), Code 1950).....	4,400,000.00
14	Grand total of all appropriations for all purposes for 15 each year of the biennium for the social welfare de- 16 partment .....	\$ 7,320,000.00

1 SEC. 2. No more than the amount herein appropriated to each fund,  
 2 plus the unexpended balance in each fund on June 30, 1953, shall be  
 3 expended from state funds for the purposes of each said fund during  
 4 the biennium beginning July 1, 1953, and ending June 30, 1955, except  
 5 that the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in the  
 6 emergency relief fund on June 30, 1953, shall be reverted to the general  
 7 fund of the state, pursuant to statute.

1 SEC. 3. No payment for aid to dependent children shall be made  
 2 unless and until the county board of social welfare, with the advice of  
 3 the county attorney shall certify that the parent receiving the aid for  
 4 the children is cooperating in legal actions and other efforts to obtain  
 5 support money for said children from the persons legally responsible  
 6 for said support.

1 SEC. 4. Section two hundred forty-nine point forty-four (249.44),  
 2 Code 1950, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:  
 3 "All applications, investigation reports and case records shall be  
 4 privileged communications and held confidential, subject to use and  
 5 inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection with their  
 6 official duties relating to financial audits and the administration of the  
 7 provisions of this chapter.

8 "Provided, however, that the county board of social welfare shall  
9 prepare and file in its office on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of  
10 each January, April, July and October a report showing the names and  
11 addresses of all recipients receiving assistance under this chapter, to-  
12 gether with the amount paid to each during the preceding quarter.  
13 Each report so filed shall be securely fixed in a record book to be used  
14 only for such reports made under this chapter and chapters two hun-  
15 dred thirty-nine (239) and two hundred forty-one (241). The record  
16 book shall be and the same is hereby declared to be a public record,  
17 open to public inspection at all times during the regular office hours  
18 of the respective county boards of social welfare. Each person who  
19 desires to examine said records, other than in pursuance of official  
20 duties as hereinbefore provided, shall sign a written request to exam-  
21 ine the same, which shall contain an agreement on the part of the  
22 signer that he will not utilize any information gained therefrom for  
23 commercial or political purposes.

24 "It shall be unlawful for any person, body, association, firm, corpora-  
25 tion or any other agency to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of or  
26 to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use  
27 of any lists, names or other information obtained from the reports  
28 above provided for, for commercial or political purposes, and a viola-  
29 tion of this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a  
30 fine of not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprison-  
31 ment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by both such fine  
32 and imprisonment."

1 SEC. 5. Section two hundred thirty-nine point ten (239.10), Code  
2 1950, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

3 "All applications, investigation reports and case records shall be  
4 privileged communications and held confidential, subject to use and  
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28 provided for, for commercial or political purposes, and a violation of

29 this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of  
 30 not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment in  
 31 the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by both such fine and im-  
 32 prisonment.”.

1 SEC. 6. Section two hundred forty-one point twenty-five (241.25),  
 2 Code 1950, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:  
 3 “All applications, investigation reports and case records shall be  
 4 privileged communications and held confidential, subject to use and  
 5 inspection only by persons authorized by law in connection with their  
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 28 provided for, for commercial or political purposes, and a violation of  
 29 this provision shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of  
 30 not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment  
 31 in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year or by both such fine and  
 32 imprisonment.”.

Approved May 28, 1953.

## CHAPTER 11

### SPECIFIED SCHOOL AID

H. F. 502

AN ACT to make an appropriation from the general fund of the state of Iowa to the department of public instruction for specified school aid and to the board for vocational education as provided in chapter two hundred fifty-eight (258), Code 1950, as amended.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of  
 2 the state of Iowa to the department of public instruction for each year