

In an action brought under this subsection alleging that an employer has required or requested a drug test in violation of this section, the employer has the burden of proving that the requirements of this section were met.

10. An employee shall not be discharged, disciplined, or discriminated against in any manner for filing a complaint or testifying in any proceeding or action involving violations of this section. An employee discharged, disciplined, or otherwise discriminated against in violation of this section shall be compensated by the employer in the amount of any loss of wages and benefits arising out of the discrimination and shall be restored to the employee's previous position of employment.

11. A person who violates this section is, upon conviction, guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 209

ENERGY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

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AN ACT relating to the funding of the energy bank program.

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

Section 1. Section 93.19, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

93.19 ENERGY BANK PROGRAM.

The energy bank program is established by the department. The energy bank program consists of the following forms of assistance for school districts, area education agencies, cities, counties, and merged area schools:

1. Providing moneys from the petroleum overcharge fund for conducting energy audits under section 279.44.

2. Providing loans, leases, and other methods of alternative financing from the energy loan fund established in section 93.20 and section 93.20A for school districts ~~and~~ area schools, area education agencies, cities and counties to implement energy conservation measures.

3. Serving as a source of technical support for energy conservation management.

4. Providing assistance for obtaining insurance on the energy savings expected to be realized from the implementation of energy conservation measures.

5. Providing self-liquidating financing for school districts, area schools, area education agencies, cities, and counties, pursuant to section 93.20A.

For the purpose of this section, and section 93.20, and section 93.20A, "energy conservation measure" means construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, or modification of an installation in a building which is intended to reduce energy consumption, or energy costs, or both, or allow the use of an alternative energy source, which may contain integral control and measurement devices.

Sec. 2. Section 93.20, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

93.20 ENERGY LOAN FUND.

An energy loan fund is established in the office of the treasurer of state to be administered by the department. The department may make loans to school districts, ~~and~~ area schools, area education agencies, cities, and counties for implementation of energy conservation measures identified in a comprehensive engineering analysis. Loans shall not be made for energy conservation measures that require more than an average of six years for the school district, area school, area education agency, city and county as an entity to recoup the actual or projected cost of construction and acquisition of the improvements; ~~and cost of the engineering analysis, plans, and specifications; and cost of the surety bonds securing the operation of the energy~~

conservation measure. For a school district, ~~or merged area school~~, area education agency, city or county to receive a loan from the fund, the department shall require completion of an energy management plan including an energy audit and a comprehensive engineering analysis. The department shall approve loans made under this section. Cities and counties shall repay the loans from moneys in their debt service funds. Area education agencies shall repay the loans from any moneys available to them.

School districts and area schools may enter into financing arrangements with the department or its duly authorized agents or representatives obligating the school district or area school to make payments on the loans beyond the current budget year of the school district or area school. Chapter 75 shall not be applicable. School districts shall repay the loans from moneys in either their general fund or schoolhouse fund. Area schools shall repay the loans from their general fund.

The department may accept gifts, federal funds, state appropriations, and other moneys for deposit in the energy loan fund or may fund the energy loan fund in accordance with section 93.20A.

For the purpose of this section, "loans" means loans, leases, or alternative financing arrangements.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 93.20A SELF-LIQUIDATING FINANCING.

1. The department of natural resources may enter into financing agreements with school districts, area schools, area education agencies, cities, or counties in order to provide the financing to pay the costs of furnishing energy conservation measures. The provisions of section 93.20 defining eligible energy conservation measures and the method of repayment of the loans apply to financings under this section.

The financing agreement may contain provisions, including interest, term, and obligations to make payments on the financing agreement beyond the current budget year, as may be agreed upon between the department of natural resources and the school district, area school, area education agency, city, or county.

2. For the purpose of funding its obligation to furnish moneys under the financing agreements, or to fund the energy loan fund created in section 93.20, the treasurer of state, with the assistance of the department of natural resources, or the treasurer of state's duly authorized agents or representatives, may incur indebtedness or enter into master lease agreements or other financing arrangements to borrow to accomplish energy conservation measures, or the department of natural resources may enter into master lease agreements or other financing arrangements to permit school districts, area education agencies, area schools, cities, or counties to borrow sufficient funds to accomplish the energy conservation measure. The obligations may be in such form, for such term, bearing such interest and containing such provisions as the department of natural resources, with the assistance of the treasurer of state, deems necessary or appropriate. Funds remaining after the payment of all obligations have been redeemed shall be paid into the energy loan fund.

3. School districts, area schools, area education agencies, cities, or counties may enter into financing agreements and issue obligations necessary to carry out the provisions of the chapter. Chapter 75 shall not be applicable.

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