

**CHAPTER 21****WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS***S.F. 281*

**AN ACT** concerning the workforce development department, by providing for the establishment of a workforce development corporation, expenses for members of the regional advisory board to the workforce development board, authority to charge fees for certain services of the department, and Iowa conservation corps employee rights.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 84A.1C WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

1. **NONPROFIT CORPORATION FOR RECEIVING AND DISBURSING FUNDS.** The Iowa workforce development board may organize a corporation under the provisions of chapter 504A for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds from public or private sources to be used to further workforce development in this state and to accomplish the mission of the board.

2. **INCORPORATORS.** The incorporators of the corporation organized pursuant to this section shall be the chairperson of the Iowa workforce development board, the director of the department of workforce development, and a member of the Iowa workforce development board selected by the chairperson.

3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** The board of directors of the corporation organized pursuant to this section shall be the members of the Iowa workforce development board or their successors in office.

4. **ACCEPTING GRANTS IN AID.** The corporation organized pursuant to this section may accept grants of money or property from the federal government or any other source and may upon its own order use its money, property, or other resources for any of the purposes identified in section 84A.1B.

Sec. 2. Section 84A.4, subsection 3, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3. Section 84A.1A, subsections 2, 3, and 5, apply to the members of a regional advisory board except that the board shall meet if a majority of the members of the board, and not five, file a written request with the chairperson for a meeting. Members of a regional advisory board shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All expenses shall be paid from appropriations for those purposes and the department is subject to the budget requirements of chapter 8.

Sec. 3. Section 84A.5, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 10. The director of the department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to charge and collect fees for enhanced or value-added services provided by the department which are not required by law to be provided by the department and are not generally available from the department. Fees shall not be charged to provide a free public labor exchange. Fees established by the director shall be based upon the costs of administering the service, with due regard to the anticipated time spent, and travel costs incurred, by personnel performing the service. The collection of fees authorized by this subsection shall be treated as repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2.

Sec. 4. Section 84A.7, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. **PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of chapters 19A and 96, a person employed through an Iowa conservation corps program shall be exempt from merit system requirements and shall not be eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

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