

CHAPTER 126

IOWA FREEDOM TRAIL STUDY

H.F. 689

AN ACT related to a proposal by the department of cultural affairs concerning the establishment of an Iowa freedom trail program.

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

Section 1. IOWA FREEDOM TRAIL STUDY. The department of cultural affairs shall prepare a proposal with cost estimates to explore the establishment of an Iowa freedom trail program designed to preserve and commemorate the underground railroad and educate the public on issues related to the underground railroad and antislavery campaign in Iowa. The department shall explore the possibility of securing the cooperation and assistance of the national park service in developing and implementing the program. The program would assist in locating, identifying, and preserving sites, routes, and other resources located in the state which served a function in the underground railroad and antislavery campaign in the state. The program would identify and recognize any citizens of the state who were instrumental in the underground railroad and antislavery campaign. The department shall submit a report on the proposal, and make recommendations, to the general assembly by January 1, 2000.

Approved May 14, 1999

CHAPTER 127

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

H.F. 773

AN ACT relating to child support enforcement, including child support recovery in instances of guardianships, income withholding, and payments to financial institutions for record matches.

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

Section 1. Section 234.39, Code 1999, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. If the department makes a subsidized guardianship payment for a child, the payment shall be considered a foster care payment for purposes of child support recovery. All provisions of this and other sections, and of rules and orders adopted or entered pursuant to those sections, including for the establishment of a paternity or support order, for the amount of a support obligation, for the modification or adjustment of a support obligation, for the assignment of support, and for enforcement shall apply as if the child were receiving foster care services, or were in foster care placement, or as if foster care funds were being expended for the child. This subsection shall apply regardless of the date of placement in foster care or subsidized guardianship or the date of entry of an order, and foster care and subsidized guardianship shall be considered the same for purposes of child support recovery.