

CHAPTER 1160

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES — FORESTS AND FORESTRY DIVISION

H.F. 2090

AN ACT changing the name of the forests and forestry division of the department of natural resources to the forests and prairies division and expanding its responsibilities.

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

Section 1. Section 455A.7, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

b. Forests and ~~forestry prairies~~ division which is responsible for administering programs relating to state forests, ~~and forestry, and prairie management assistance to private and public landowners,~~ and for the operation of the state nursery under section 456A.20.

Sec. 2. Section 456A.21, subsection 1, Code Supplement 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. A forestry management and enhancement fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department's forests and ~~forestry prairies~~ division created in section 455A.7. The fund is composed of moneys deposited into the fund pursuant to section 456A.20, moneys appropriated by the general assembly, and moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the division or the department from the United States or private sources for placement in the fund.

Approved May 3, 2000

CHAPTER 1161

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS' PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

H.F. 2437

AN ACT relating to disclosure by a postsecondary education institution of information to the parent or guardian of a student.

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

Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 1, Code Supplement 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. Personal information in records regarding a student, prospective student, or former student maintained, created, collected or assembled by or for a school corporation or educational institution maintaining such records. This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a postsecondary education institution from disclosing to a parent or guardian information regarding a violation of a federal, state, or local law, or institutional rule or policy governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the child is under the age of twenty-one years and the institution determines that the student committed a disciplinary violation with respect to the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance regardless of whether that information is contained in the student's education records.

Sec. 2. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS STUDY — COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS. The state board of regents, in consultation with the community college council, the Iowa association of community college trustees, and the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities, shall conduct a study and recommend methods for opening or expanding communication with parents and guardians of students under the age of twenty-one years who are enrolled in Iowa's postsecondary institutions. The communication studied should include information relating to, but not limited to, the student's grades or any correlation between student grades and violations of a federal, state, or local law, or institutional rule or policy governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance except as otherwise provided by the law. The results of the study and any recommendations shall be submitted to the senate and house standing committees on education by December 1, 2000.

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CHAPTER 1162

REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS REGARDING SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES — IMMUNITY

H.F. 2473

AN ACT providing civil and criminal immunity for a school employee related to the employee's participation in reporting and investigating violence, threats of violence, or other inappropriate activity against a school employee or student in a school building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.27 REPORTING VIOLENCE — IMMUNITY.

An employee of a school district, an accredited nonpublic school, or an area education agency who participates in good faith and acts reasonably in the making of a report to, or investigation by, an appropriate person or agency regarding violence, threats of violence, or other inappropriate activity against a school employee or student in a school building, on school grounds, or at a school-sponsored function shall be immune from civil or criminal liability relating to such action, as well as for participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding resulting from or relating to the report or investigation.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 613.20 IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL SUIT.

An employee of an accredited public school district, accredited nonpublic school, or area education agency shall be immune from civil suit for reasonable acts undertaken in good faith relating to participation in the making of a report and any resulting investigation or administrative or judicial proceedings regarding violence, threats of violence, or other inappropriate activity against a school employee or student, pursuant to the provisions of section 280.27.

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