

section 144.46. If the person adopted was born outside ~~the this state but in the United States,~~ the state registrar shall forward the certification of adoption to the appropriate agency in the state ~~or foreign nation~~ of birth. A copy of any interlocutory adoption decree vacation shall be delivered and another birth certificate shall be prepared in the same manner as a certification of adoption is delivered and the birth certificate was originally prepared.

Sec. 4. Section 600.15, Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:
600.15 FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS.

~~1. a. A decree establishing a parent-child relationship by adoption which is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in within or outside the United States shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~b. A decree terminating a parent-child relationship which is issued pursuant to due process of law by a juvenile court or court of any other jurisdiction in the United States shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~c. Documentation demonstrating that a child has been legally released or approved for adoption by the child's country of origin shall be accepted as evidence that termination of parental rights has been completed in that country and shall be recognized in this state.~~

~~2. If an adoption has occurred in the minor person's country of origin, a further adoption must occur in the state where the adopting parents reside in accordance with the adoption laws of that state.~~

~~3. A licensed child-placing agency as defined in section 238.2, a person making an independent placement as defined in section 600A.2, or an investigator may provide necessary assistance to an eligible citizen of Iowa who desires to, in accordance with the immigration laws of the United States, make an international adoption.~~

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved March 29, 2002

CHAPTER 1041

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FUND — USE OF FUND MONEYS

H.F. 2229

AN ACT relating to use of moneys in the strategic investment fund.

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

Section 1. Section 15.312, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:
15.312 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this part shall be to provide a mechanism for the funding those of programs listed in section 15.313, subsection 2, in order to more efficiently meet the needs identified within those individual programs which meet the descriptions provided in section 15.313, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Section 15.313, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code 2001, are amended to read as follows:

2. The assets of the fund shall be used by the department for ~~the following programs and purposes to assist in relocation or expansion projects for existing businesses as well as entre-~~

preneurial start-up and expansion projects. Moneys in the fund shall be used for projects designed to meet any of the following purposes:

a. The community economic betterment program created in sections 15.315 through 15.320 To assist communities in the state by providing financial assistance for small business gap financing, new business opportunities, and new product and entrepreneurial development.

b. The business development finance corporation created in sections 15E.131 through 15E.149 To provide financial and technical assistance to early-stage industry companies and entrepreneurs.

c. The self-employment loan program created in section 15.241 To provide financial and technical assistance to targeted small businesses as defined in section 15.102.

d. The targeted small business financial assistance program created in section 15.247.

e. ~~d.~~ To provide comprehensive management assistance for applicants or recipients of assistance from programs supported by the fund.

f. ~~e.~~ If ~~To access federal~~ funds are available under a any federal microloan demonstration program, a portion of the moneys in the strategic investment fund may be utilized to access those federal funds to expand the state's small business financial assistance programs including the self-employment loan program and the targeted small business financial assistance program.

g. ~~f.~~ The entrepreneurs with disabilities program, which provides technical and financial assistance to help persons with disabilities become self-sufficient and create additional employment opportunities by establishing or expanding small business ventures To provide technical and financial assistance to help persons with disabilities become self-sufficient by establishing or expanding business ventures.

h. The job opportunities for persons with disabilities program, which provides service and technical assistance to rehabilitation organizations or agencies that create, expand, or spin off business ventures for persons with disabilities.

i. The value-added agricultural products and processes financial assistance fund created in section 15E.112.

3. The assets of the fund may be used for purposes of administering and operating the entrepreneurial ventures assistance program established in section 15.339.

g. To assist businesses in retooling or upgrading production equipment to meet contemporary technology standards.

4. ~~3.~~ The director shall submit annually at a regular or special meeting preceding the beginning of the fiscal year, for approval by the economic development board, the proposed allocation of funds from the strategic investment fund to be made for that fiscal year to the community economic betterment program, the business development finance corporation, the self-employment loan program, and the targeted small business financial assistance program and for comprehensive management assistance. If funds are available under a federal microloan demonstration program, the director may recommend an allocation for that purpose. The plans may provide for increased or decreased allocations if the demand in a program indicates that the need exceeds the allocation for that program. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall establish goals for the strategic investment fund relating to the intended strategic focus for the fiscal year. The director shall report on a monthly basis to the board on the status of the funds and may present proposed revisions for approval by the board in January and April of each year fund. Unobligated and unencumbered moneys remaining in the strategic investment fund or any of its accounts on June 30 of each year shall be considered part of the fund for purposes of the next year's allocation.