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House File 2676

H-8380

1 Amend the Senate amendment, H-8335, to House File 2676, as
2 amended, passed, and reprinted by the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 17, after line 29 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION ____

5 STUDENT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

6 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph g,
7 subparagraph (3), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

8 (3) A student who is enrolled in a junior reserve officers'
9 training corps shall not be required to participate in physical
10 education activities under subparagraph (1) or to meet the
11 physical activity requirements of subsection 6, paragraph "b",
12 subparagraph ~~(2)~~ (3), but shall receive one-eighth unit of
13 physical education credit for each semester, or the equivalent,
14 of junior reserve officers' training corps the student
15 completes.

16 Sec. ____ . Section 256.11, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
17 2026, is amended to read as follows:

18 b. (1) All physically able students in kindergarten through
19 grade ~~five~~ four shall be required to engage in a physical
20 activity for a minimum of ~~thirty~~ forty minutes per school day.

21 (2) All physically able students in grade five shall be
22 required to engage in a physical activity for a minimum of
23 thirty minutes per school day.

24 ~~(2)~~ (3) All physically able students in grades six through
25 twelve shall be required to engage in a physical activity for
26 a minimum of one hundred twenty minutes per week. A student
27 participating in an organized and supervised athletic program
28 or non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity which requires
29 the student to participate in physical activity for a minimum
30 of one hundred twenty minutes per week is exempt from the
31 requirements of this subparagraph.

32 ~~(3)~~ (4) The department shall collaborate with stakeholders
33 on the development of daily physical activity requirements and
34 the development of models that describe ways in which school
35 districts and schools may incorporate the physical activity

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1 requirement of this paragraph into the educational program. A
2 school district or accredited nonpublic school shall not reduce
3 instructional time for academic courses in order to meet the
4 requirements of this paragraph.

5 Sec. _____. Section 256.11, subsection 18, Code 2026, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 18. The board of directors of a school district and the
8 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall
9 each establish a policy to award credit toward graduation
10 to a student if the student participates in the legislative
11 page program at the state capitol for a regular session of
12 the general assembly. The student shall be excused from the
13 physical education requirements of [subsection 5](#), paragraph "g",
14 subparagraph (1), and is exempt from the physical activity
15 requirements of [subsection 6](#), paragraph "b", subparagraph (2)
16 (3), while participating in the legislative page program. The
17 student must complete the graduation requirements of section
18 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a", but participation in the
19 legislative page program for a complete regular session of the
20 general assembly shall count as one-half unit of social studies
21 credit required for purposes of [section 256.7, subsection 26](#),
22 paragraph "a".>

23 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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House File 2717

H-8381

- 1 Amend the amendment, H-8326, to House File 2717, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, after line 5 by inserting:
3 <___. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 12 and inserting:
4 <(1) Requires annual expenditures of at least one million
5 dollars, or combined expenditures of at least five million
6 dollars within five years, by all affected persons including
7 the agency itself. An express appropriation, allocation, or
8 transfer of moneys enacted by the general assembly shall not be
9 considered an expenditure for purposes of this paragraph.>>
10 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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House File 2764

H-8382

1 Amend House File 2764 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 10 and 11 and inserting <prior
3 to March 5, the percents of growth used to determine the school
4 district's proposed budget shall not exceed>

C. JOHNSON of Buchanan

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House File 2772

H-8383

1 Amend House File 2772 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <DIVISION I

5 FY 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS

6 Section 1. GOALS AND ACCOUNTABILITY — ECONOMIC
7 DEVELOPMENT.

8 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, the goals
9 for the economic development authority shall be to expand
10 and stimulate the state economy, increase the wealth of
11 Iowans, increase the population of the state, and cultivate an
12 inclusive and welcoming environment for all citizens of Iowa.

13 2. To achieve the goals in subsection 1, the economic
14 development authority shall do all of the following for the
15 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

16 a. Concentrate its efforts on programs and activities that
17 result in commercially viable products and services.

18 b. Adopt practices and services consistent with free
19 market, private sector philosophies.

20 c. Ensure economic growth and development throughout the
21 state.

22 d. Work with businesses and communities to continually
23 improve the economic development climate along with the
24 economic well-being and quality of life for Iowans.

25 e. Coordinate with other state agencies to ensure that they
26 are attentive to the needs of an entrepreneurial culture.

27 f. Establish a strong and aggressive marketing image to
28 showcase Iowa's workforce, existing industry, and potential.
29 The authority shall prioritize recruitment of new businesses,
30 business expansion, and retention of existing Iowa businesses.
31 In addition, the authority shall emphasize entrepreneurial
32 development through helping entrepreneurs secure capital,
33 and developing networks and a business climate conducive to
34 entrepreneurs and small businesses.

35 g. Encourage the development of communities and quality of

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1 life to foster economic growth.

2 h. Prepare communities for future growth and development
3 through development, expansion, and modernization of
4 infrastructure.

5 i. Develop public-private partnerships with Iowa businesses
6 in the tourism industry, Iowa tour groups, Iowa tourism
7 organizations, and political subdivisions in this state to
8 assist in the development of advertising efforts.

9 j. Collaborate with Iowa small businesses and communities
10 to evaluate state laws to identify any negative impacts
11 to the state's economic development, quality of life, and
12 population growth, with an emphasis on state laws that have
13 made Iowa's workforce retention, new business recruitment, and
14 population expansion difficult. The authority shall submit an
15 annual report on or before January 15 to the general assembly
16 regarding the findings of such evaluation.

17 Sec. 2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

18 1. APPROPRIATION

19 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
20 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
22 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
23 purposes designated in this subsection, and for not more than
24 the following full-time equivalent positions:

25 \$ 12,903,510
26 FTEs 102.60

27 b. (1) For salaries, support, miscellaneous purposes,
28 programs, marketing, administration, business development,
29 community development, small business development, and any
30 divisions the authority may organize.

31 (2) For business development operations and programs,
32 international trade, export assistance, workforce recruitment,
33 and the partner state program.

34 (3) For transfer to a fund created pursuant to section
35 15.313 for purposes of financing strategic infrastructure

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1 projects.

2 (4) For community economic development programs, tourism
3 operations, community assistance, and the community development
4 block grant.

5 (5) For achieving the goals and accountability, and
6 fulfilling the requirements and duties required under this Act.

7 (6) The full-time equivalent positions authorized under
8 this subsection are funded, in whole or in part, by the moneys
9 appropriated under this subsection or by other moneys received
10 by the authority, including certain federal moneys.

11 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
12 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
13 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
14 available for expenditure for the purposes designated in this
15 subsection until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

16 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESTRICTIONS

17 a. A business creating jobs through moneys appropriated in
18 subsection 1 shall be subject to contract provisions requiring
19 new and retained jobs to be filled by individuals who are
20 citizens of the United States who reside within the United
21 States, or individuals authorized to work in the United States
22 pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens
23 residing in the United States.

24 b. Any vendor who receives moneys appropriated in
25 subsection 1 shall adhere to such contract provisions and
26 provide periodic assurances as the state shall require that the
27 jobs are filled solely by citizens of the United States who
28 reside within the United States, or individuals authorized to
29 work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including
30 legal resident aliens residing in the United States.

31 c. A business that receives financial assistance from
32 the authority from moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall
33 only employ individuals legally authorized to work in this
34 state. In addition to all other applicable penalties provided
35 by current law, all or a portion of the assistance received

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1 by a business which is found to knowingly employ individuals
2 not legally authorized to work in this state is subject to
3 recapture by the authority.

4 3. USES OF APPROPRIATIONS

5 a. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
6 authority may provide financial assistance in the form of a
7 grant to a community economic development entity for conducting
8 a local workforce recruitment effort designed to recruit
9 citizens who are former residents of the state, and former
10 students at colleges and universities in the state, to meet the
11 needs of local employers.

12 b. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
13 authority may provide financial assistance to early stage
14 industry companies being established by women entrepreneurs.

15 c. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the
16 authority may provide financial assistance in the form of
17 grants, loans, or forgivable loans for advanced research and
18 commercialization projects involving value-added agriculture,
19 advanced technology, or biotechnology.

20 d. The authority shall not use any moneys appropriated in
21 subsection 1 for purposes of providing financial assistance
22 for any program or project that involves the installation of
23 geothermal systems for melting snow and ice from streets or
24 sidewalks.

25 4. WORLD FOOD PRIZE

26 In lieu of the standing appropriation in [section 15.368](#),
27 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
28 economic development authority for the fiscal year beginning
29 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amount to
30 be used for support of the world food prize:

31 \$ 500,000

32 5. COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS — ASSISTANCE

33 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
34 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following

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1 amount to be used for the purposes of providing financial
2 assistance to Iowa's councils of governments:
3 \$ 350,000

4 6. TOURISM OFFICE

5 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
6 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
7 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
8 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
9 tourism office for the advertisement, promotion, placement,
10 and implementation of the economic development authority's
11 strategic plan for tourism and travel:

12 \$ 1,050,000

13 b. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
14 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
15 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
16 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
17 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

18 c. The economic development authority shall submit an
19 annual report on or before January 15 to the general assembly
20 regarding the tourism office's activities funded with moneys
21 appropriated under this subsection. The report must be
22 provided in an electronic format and must include metrics
23 and criteria that allow the general assembly to quantify and
24 evaluate the effectiveness and economic impact of the tourism
25 office's activities related to the advertisement, promotion,
26 placement, and implementation of the economic development
27 authority's strategic plan for tourism and travel.

28 7. CULTURAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

29 a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
30 to the economic development authority for the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
32 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for
33 support of the Iowa arts council:

34 \$ 1,601,800

35 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", the economic

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1 development authority shall allocate \$321,800 for deposit in
2 the arts and culture enhancement fund established in section
3 15.436.

4 c. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
5 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
6 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

9 Sec. 3. LIMITATIONS OF STANDING APPROPRIATIONS — FY
10 2026-2027. Notwithstanding the standing appropriations in the
11 following designated sections for the fiscal year beginning
12 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the amount appropriated
13 from the general fund of the state pursuant to the following
14 sections for the following purposes shall not exceed the
15 following amounts:

16 1. For the arts and culture enhancement fund under section
17 99F.11, subsection 4, paragraph "d", subparagraph (1):
18 \$ 448,403

19 2. For the purposes of tourism marketing under section
20 99F.11, subsection 4, paragraph "d", subparagraph (2):
21 \$ 1,443,700

22 Sec. 4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REPORTING — ECONOMIC
23 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. The economic development authority
24 shall submit an annual report to the general assembly no later
25 than November 1, 2026, that details the amount of every direct
26 loan, forgivable loan, tax credit, tax exemption, tax refund,
27 grant, or any other financial assistance awarded to a person
28 during the prior fiscal year by the authority under an economic
29 development program administered by the authority. The report
30 must identify the county where the project associated with each
31 such award is located.

32 Sec. 5. INSURANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. From the moneys
33 collected by the insurance division of the department of
34 insurance and financial services in excess of the anticipated
35 gross revenues under [section 505.7, subsection 3](#), during

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1 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, \$100,000 shall be
2 transferred to the economic development authority for insurance
3 economic development and international insurance economic
4 development.

5 Sec. 6. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY.

6 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
7 to the Iowa finance authority for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
9 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
10 designated:

11 a. Rent subsidy program

12 (1) To provide reimbursement for rent expenses to eligible
13 persons under the home and community-based services rent
14 subsidy program established in [section 16.55](#):

15 \$ 1,000,000

16 (2) Of the moneys appropriated in this paragraph, not more
17 than \$35,000 may be used for administrative costs.

18 b. Housing renewal program

19 To provide housing renewal moneys to the nonprofit Iowa
20 affiliate to award grants to eligible communities for the
21 housing renewal program created in [section 16.52](#), as enacted in
22 Division II of this Act:

23 \$ 550,000

24 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
25 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
26 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
27 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
28 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

29 Sec. 7. IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY AUDIT. The auditor of state
30 is requested to review the audit of the Iowa finance authority
31 performed by the auditor hired by the authority.

32 Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. There
33 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
34 department of workforce development for the fiscal year
35 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following

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1 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
2 purposes designated:

3 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

4 a. For the operation of field offices and the workforce
5 development board, and for not more than the following
6 full-time equivalent positions:

7 \$ 6,902,636
8 FTEs 157.09

9 b. Of the moneys appropriated in paragraph "a", the
10 department shall allocate \$150,000 to the state library for
11 the purpose of licensing an online resource which prepares
12 individuals to succeed in the workplace through programs which
13 improve job skills and vocational test-taking abilities.

14 2. OFFENDER REENTRY PROGRAM

15 a. For the development and administration of an offender
16 reentry program to provide offenders with employment skills,
17 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent
18 positions:

19 \$ 387,158
20 FTEs 4.00

21 b. The department of workforce development shall partner
22 with the department of corrections to provide staff within
23 the correctional facilities resources to improve offenders'
24 abilities to find and retain productive employment.

25 3. STATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

26 For the payment of services provided by the department of
27 administrative services related to the state accounting system:

28 \$ 228,822

29 4. WORKPLACE INJURY AND SAFETY SURVEYS

30 For the operation of workplace safety surveys and workplace
31 data collection and analysis, including salaries, support,
32 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than
33 the following full-time equivalent positions:

34 \$ 125,555
35 FTEs 1.90

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1 5. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

2 a. For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous
3 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time
4 equivalent positions:

5 \$ 6,226,739
6 FTEs 233.00

7 For purposes of optimizing the job placement of individuals
8 with disabilities, the division shall make its best efforts
9 to work with community rehabilitation program providers for
10 job placement and retention services for individuals with
11 significant disabilities and most significant disabilities. By
12 January 15, 2027, the division shall submit a written report to
13 the general assembly regarding the division's outreach efforts
14 with community rehabilitation program providers.

15 b. For the entrepreneurs with disabilities program
16 described in [section 84H.4](#):

17 \$ 138,506

18 6. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

19 For distribution as grants to community colleges for
20 the purpose of adult basic education programs for students
21 requiring instruction in English as a second language:

22 \$ 500,000

23 In issuing grants under this subsection, the department of
24 workforce development shall use the same application process
25 and criteria as are used for purposes of awarding grants to
26 community colleges for the purpose of adult basic education
27 programs for students requiring instruction in English as a
28 second language using moneys that are appropriated to the
29 department from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund
30 created in [section 8.57J](#).

31 7. REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

32 For the funding of the registered apprenticeship programs
33 under [chapter 84F](#) to encourage small to midsize businesses to
34 start or grow registered apprenticeships:

35 \$ 760,000

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1 8. EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

2 For enhancing efforts to investigate employers that
3 misclassify workers, and for not more than the following
4 full-time equivalent positions:

5	\$	600,000
6	FTEs	6.00

7 9. REVERSION

8 Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in this
9 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
10 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
11 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
12 succeeding fiscal year.

13 Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT — SPECIAL
14 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY CONTINGENCY FUND.

15 1. There is appropriated from the special employment
16 security contingency fund created in [section 96.13](#) to the
17 department of workforce development for the fiscal year
18 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
19 amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for
20 field offices:

21	\$	4,616,084
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22 2. Any remaining additional penalty and interest revenue
23 collected by the department of workforce development is
24 appropriated to the department for the fiscal year beginning
25 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, to accomplish the
26 mission of the department.

27 Sec. 10. IOWA SKILLED WORKER AND JOB CREATION FUND.

28 1. There is appropriated from the Iowa skilled worker and
29 job creation fund created in [section 8.57J](#) to the following
30 departments, agencies, and institutions for the fiscal year
31 beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following
32 amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the
33 purposes designated:

34 a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

35 (1) For providing financial assistance to eligible

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1 businesses for the business incentives for growth program
2 pursuant to chapter 15, subchapter II, part 33:

3 \$ 11,700,000

4 (a) Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph (1),
5 not more than \$1,000,000 may be used for purposes of providing
6 infrastructure grants to main street communities under the main
7 street Iowa program.

8 (b) As a condition of receiving moneys appropriated in this
9 subparagraph (1), an entity shall testify upon the request of
10 the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development
11 regarding the expenditure of such moneys.

12 (2) For support of the manufacturing 4.0 technology
13 investment program established in [section 15.371](#):

14 \$ 2,350,000

15 (3) For the empower rural Iowa program:

16 \$ 700,000

17 b. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS AND REGENTS INSTITUTIONS

18 (1) STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

19 For capacity building infrastructure in areas related
20 to technology commercialization, marketing and business
21 development efforts in areas related to technology
22 commercialization, entrepreneurship, and business growth,
23 and infrastructure projects and programs needed to assist in
24 implementation of activities under [chapter 262B](#):

25 \$ 3,000,000

26 (a) Of the moneys appropriated pursuant to this
27 subparagraph (1), 35 percent shall be allocated for Iowa state
28 university of science and technology, 35 percent shall be
29 allocated for the state university of Iowa, and 30 percent
30 shall be allocated for the university of northern Iowa.

31 (b) The institutions shall provide a one-to-one match
32 of additional moneys for the activities funded with moneys
33 appropriated under this subparagraph (1).

34 (c) The state board of regents shall submit a report by
35 January 15, 2027, to the governor and the general assembly

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1 regarding the activities, projects, and programs funded with
2 moneys appropriated under this subparagraph (1). The report
3 must be provided in an electronic format and must include a
4 list of metrics and criteria mutually agreed to in advance by
5 the board of regents and the economic development authority.
6 The metrics and criteria must allow the governor's office and
7 the general assembly to quantify and evaluate the progress
8 of the board of regents institutions with regard to their
9 activities, projects, and programs in the areas of technology
10 commercialization, entrepreneurship, regional development, and
11 market research.

12 (2) IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

13 For small business development centers, the research park,
14 and the center for industrial research and service, and for not
15 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

16	\$ 2,424,302
17	FTEs 50.94

18 (a) Of the moneys appropriated in this subparagraph (2),
19 Iowa state university of science and technology shall allocate
20 at least \$735,728 for purposes of funding small business
21 development centers. Iowa state university of science and
22 technology may allocate the appropriated moneys to the various
23 small business development centers in any manner necessary to
24 achieve the purposes of this subparagraph (2).

25 (b) Iowa state university of science and technology shall
26 do all of the following:

27 (i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
28 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

29 (ii) Emphasize providing services to Iowa-based companies.

30 (c) It is the intent of the general assembly that the
31 center for industrial research and service industrial incentive
32 program focus on Iowa industrial sectors and seek contributions
33 and in-kind donations from businesses, industrial foundations,
34 and trade associations, and that moneys for the program shall
35 be allocated only for projects which are matched by private

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1 sector moneys for directed contract research or for nondirected
2 research. The match required of small businesses as defined
3 in [section 15.102](#) for directed contract research or for
4 nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$3 of state funds.
5 The match required for other businesses for directed contract
6 research or for nondirected research shall be \$1 for each \$1 of
7 state funds. The match required of industrial foundations or
8 trade associations shall be \$1 for each \$1 of state funds.

9 (d) Iowa state university of science and technology shall
10 report annually to the general assembly the total amount of
11 private contributions, the proportion of contributions from
12 small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for
13 directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit
14 to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors.

15 (3) STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

16 (a) For the state university of Iowa research park and for
17 university of Iowa pharmaceuticals located at the research
18 park, including salaries, support, maintenance, equipment, and
19 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
20 full-time equivalent positions:

21	\$	209,279
22	FTEs	6.00

23 The state university of Iowa shall do all of the following:

24 (i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
25 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

26 (ii) Emphasize providing services to Iowa-based companies.

27 (b) For the purpose of implementing the entrepreneurship
28 and economic growth initiative, and for not more than the
29 following full-time equivalent positions:

30	\$	2,000,000
31	FTEs	8.00

32 (4) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

33 (a) For the metal casting and foundry 4.0 centers,
34 advance Iowa, family business center, and the institute for
35 decision making, including salaries, support, maintenance, and

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1 miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following
2 full-time equivalent positions:
3 \$ 1,466,419
4 FTEs 13.00

5 The university of northern Iowa shall do all of the
6 following:

7 (i) Direct expenditures for research toward projects that
8 will provide economic stimulus for Iowa.

9 (ii) Emphasize providing services to Iowa-based companies.

10 (b) For the purpose of providing in-state undergraduate
11 tuition and undergraduate mandatory fees to individuals
12 who reside in a state contiguous to Iowa, who enroll in an
13 undergraduate program offered by the university of northern
14 Iowa, and who are classified as residents of this state for
15 purposes of undergraduate tuition and undergraduate mandatory
16 fees:

17 \$ 1,000,000

18 (c) For the purpose of expanding the nursing program:

19 \$ 600,000

20 (5) DUTY TO TESTIFY

21 As a condition of receiving moneys appropriated in this
22 lettered paragraph "b", an entity shall testify upon the
23 request of the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic
24 development regarding the expenditure of such moneys.

25 c. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

26 (1) For staffing costs related to completing workforce
27 preparation outcome reporting in conjunction with the
28 department of education:

29 \$ 125,000

30 (2) For distribution to community colleges for the purposes
31 of implementing adult education and literacy programs pursuant
32 to [section 84A.19](#):

33 \$ 4,500,000

34 (a) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
35 subparagraph, \$3,125,000 shall be allocated pursuant to the

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1 formula established in [section 260C.18C](#).

2 (b) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
3 subparagraph, not more than \$150,000 shall be used by the
4 department of workforce development for implementation of adult
5 education and literacy programs pursuant to [section 84A.19](#).

6 (c) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
7 subparagraph, not more than \$1,015,000 shall be distributed
8 as grants to community colleges for the purpose of adult
9 basic education programs for students requiring instruction
10 in English as a second language. The department of workforce
11 development shall establish an application process and criteria
12 to award grants pursuant to this subparagraph division to
13 community colleges. The criteria must be based on need for
14 instruction in English as a second language in the region
15 served by each community college as determined by factors
16 including data from the latest federal decennial census and
17 outreach efforts to determine regional needs.

18 (d) From the moneys appropriated in this numbered
19 subparagraph, \$210,000 shall be transferred to the department
20 of health and human services for purposes of administering
21 a program to provide access to international resources to
22 Iowans and new Iowans to provide economic and leadership
23 development resulting in Iowa being a more welcoming place
24 to live, work, and raise a family. The program must provide
25 supplemental support services for international refugees to
26 improve learning, English literacy, life skills, cultural
27 competencies, and integration in a county with a population
28 over 350,000 as determined by the 2020 federal decennial
29 census. The department of health and human services shall
30 utilize a request-for-proposals process to identify the entity
31 best qualified to implement the program.

32 (3) For funding of internships for students studying in the
33 fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
34 with eligible Iowa employers as provided in [section 84A.21](#),
35 subsection 2, paragraph "c":

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1 \$ 633,325

2 2. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys appropriated in
3 this section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
4 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
5 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
6 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

7 Sec. 11. GENERAL FUND — CERTAIN REGENTS INSTITUTIONS.

8 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
9 to the following institutions for the fiscal year beginning
10 July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts,
11 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
12 designated:

13 a. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

14 In cooperation with the economic development authority, for
15 support of a biosciences innovation ecosystem, to strengthen
16 Iowa's leadership positions in the area of bio-based chemicals,
17 digital agriculture, vaccines, and medical devices, including
18 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
19 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

20 \$ 2,963,995
21 FTEs 14.81

22 b. STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

23 In cooperation with the economic development authority, for
24 support of a biosciences innovation ecosystem, to strengthen
25 Iowa's leadership positions in the area of bio-based chemicals,
26 digital agriculture, vaccines, and medical devices, including
27 salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and
28 for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

29 \$ 1,000,000
30 FTEs 4.35

31 c. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

32 For equipment and technology to expand the university's
33 additive manufacturing capabilities related to investment
34 castings technology and industry support, including salaries,
35 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes, and for not

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1 more than the following full-time equivalent positions:
2 \$ 394,321
3 FTEs 2.73

4 The university of northern Iowa shall make a good-faith
5 effort to coordinate with private entities to seek moneys to
6 supplement this appropriation to support the expansion of the
7 university's additive manufacturing capabilities.

8 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
9 subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b", that remain unencumbered
10 or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
11 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
12 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.

13 DIVISION II

14 HOUSING RENEWAL PROGRAM

15 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 16.52 **Housing renewal program.**

16 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
17 otherwise requires:

18 a. "Eligible participant" includes cities, counties,
19 consortiums of local governments, and organizations exempt from
20 taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
21 Code.

22 b. "Nonprofit Iowa affiliate" means a nonprofit Iowa
23 affiliate of a nonprofit international organization whose
24 primary activity is the promotion of the construction,
25 remodeling, or rehabilitation of one-family or two-family
26 dwellings for use by low-income families.

27 2. a. A housing renewal program fund is created in the
28 state treasury under the control of the authority. The fund
29 shall consist of moneys appropriated to or deposited in the
30 fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the authority to
31 administer the housing renewal program.

32 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated to
33 the housing renewal program fund that remain uncumbered or
34 unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert
35 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes

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1 designated until the close of the succeeding fiscal year.
2 *c.* Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
3 earnings on moneys in the housing renewal program fund shall be
4 credited to the fund. Payment of interest, income generated
5 from the sale of an ownership unit pursuant to subsection 6,
6 recaptures of financial assistance awards, and other repayments
7 under the housing renewal program shall be retained by the
8 nonprofit Iowa affiliate for the purpose of awarding financial
9 assistance under the housing renewal program to eligible
10 participants.

11 3. *a.* The authority shall provide moneys from the housing
12 renewal program fund to a nonprofit Iowa affiliate that shall
13 use the moneys to award financial assistance under the housing
14 renewal program to eligible participants.

15 *b.* Eligible participants shall use financial assistance
16 awarded under the housing renewal program only for purposes of
17 the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of ownership units;
18 the acquisition and demolition of blighted structures; and the
19 redevelopment of ownership units.

20 4. Twenty-five percent of moneys appropriated to the
21 housing renewal program fund shall be allocated to financial
22 assistance awards for eligible participants located in the
23 eighty-eight least populated counties in the state.

24 5. *a.* The nonprofit Iowa affiliate shall determine the
25 criteria used to evaluate eligible participants and to award
26 financial assistance to eligible participants selected by the
27 nonprofit Iowa affiliate.

28 *b.* The nonprofit Iowa affiliate shall not award an eligible
29 participant more than one hundred thousand dollars per
30 ownership unit. The nonprofit Iowa affiliate may use up to
31 five percent of the financial assistance awarded to an eligible
32 participant for administrative expenses related to the housing
33 renewal program.

34 *c.* (1) An eligible participant shall have a maximum of
35 thirty-six months from the date a contract is executed between

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1 the nonprofit Iowa affiliate and the eligible participant
2 for the eligible participant to complete the eligible
3 participant's project. The eligible participant's project
4 shall be considered complete when all financial assistance
5 awarded to the eligible participant has been expended, and all
6 ownership units that are covered by the contract are finished
7 and available for sale.

8 (2) Unless the nonprofit Iowa affiliate authorizes
9 additional time for good cause shown, if an eligible
10 participant has no project activity within twelve months
11 from the date a contract is executed between the nonprofit
12 Iowa affiliate and the eligible participant, the financial
13 assistance award shall be returned to the nonprofit Iowa
14 affiliate to be used to award financial assistance under the
15 housing renewal program to eligible participants.

16 d. An eligible participant shall sell each completed
17 ownership unit to a homebuyer whose household income is
18 equal to or less than the one hundred twenty percent area
19 median income and who must occupy the ownership unit as the
20 homebuyer's primary residence. The deed to the ownership unit
21 must contain a restrictive resale requirement that prohibits
22 the homebuyer or a subsequent owner from selling the ownership
23 unit to a person with a household income above the one hundred
24 twenty percent area median income for five calendar years from
25 the date the eligible participant sold the ownership unit to
26 the first homebuyer whose household income is equal to or less
27 than the one hundred twenty percent area median income.

28 6. The nonprofit Iowa affiliate shall use income generated
29 from the sale of an ownership unit only for the purpose of
30 awarding financial assistance to eligible participants under
31 the housing renewal program.

32 7. The authority shall not use more than five percent of
33 moneys appropriated to the housing renewal program fund for
34 administration and oversight of the housing renewal program.

35 8. The authority, in coordination with the nonprofit

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1 Iowa affiliate, shall submit an annual report to the general
2 assembly on or before December 31 describing the community,
3 economic, and financial impact of the housing renewal program.>

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Senate File 2422

H-8384

1 Amend Senate File 2422, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
4 inserting:

5 <DIVISION I

6 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS — ELIGIBILITY

7 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 234.6A Program eligibility —
8 residency.

9 1. As used in this section, “*public assistance program*”
10 means any of the following:

11 a. The state child care assistance program under section
12 237A.13.

13 b. The family investment program under chapter 239B.

14 c. The medical assistance program under chapter 249A.

15 d. The supplemental nutrition assistance program
16 administered by the state pursuant to 7 C.F.R. pts. 270 – 283,
17 as amended.

18 e. The special supplemental nutrition program for women,
19 infants, and children as provided in 42 U.S.C. §1786 et seq.

20 2. a. Unless prohibited under federal law, the department
21 may require from an applicant to a public assistance program
22 proof of at least twelve months of continuous residency within
23 the state including any of the following:

24 (1) A statement from the applicant attesting to the
25 applicant’s reasons for being in the state and length of
26 residency within the state.

27 (2) A statement from the applicant’s employer confirming
28 the applicant’s employment in the state.

29 (3) Any other statement from other persons with knowledge
30 who can attest to the applicant’s reasons for being in the
31 state and length of residency within the state.

32 (4) A copy of the applicant’s most recently filed Iowa state
33 income tax return.

34 b. Paragraph “a” shall not apply to applicants who receive
35 benefits under the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §423

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1 et seq.

2 Sec. 2. Section 239.6, subsection 1, paragraph a,
3 subparagraph (4), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

4 (4) Information maintained by the United States citizenship
5 and immigration services of the United States department of
6 homeland security, including but not limited to information
7 accessible through the systematic alien verification for
8 entitlements online service.

9 Sec. 3. Section 239.6, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
10 by adding the following new paragraph:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. g. The systematic alien verification for
12 entitlements online service maintained by the United States
13 citizenship and immigration services of the United States
14 department of homeland security or other accessible sources to
15 verify immigration and United States citizenship information.

16 DIVISION II

17 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — ELIGIBILITY

18 Sec. 4. Section 239.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 01. "Alien" means any person not a citizen
21 or national of the United States.

22 Sec. 5. Section 239.2, Code 2026, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **239.2 Supplemental nutrition assistance program — income**
25 **eligibility.**

26 1. a. The department shall establish the gross countable
27 monthly income threshold for the supplemental nutrition
28 assistance program at less than or equal to one hundred sixty
29 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size.

30 b. (1) The department shall consider the income and
31 financial resources of all household members in determining
32 the eligibility and benefit allotment of the household,
33 including all household members determined to be ineligible
34 to participate in SNAP under this section or pursuant to 7
35 U.S.C. §2015(f). Notwithstanding 7 C.F.R. §273.11(c)(3), the

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1 individual's income, deductible expenses, and resources shall
2 be counted, and none shall be prorated.

3 (2) (a) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), the department
4 shall exclude the earned income of household members who are
5 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two in determining
6 the eligibility and benefit allotment of the household upon
7 approval of the waiver submitted by the department under 2026
8 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2422, or successor legislation to
9 provide that for purposes of state administration of SNAP, the
10 earned income under 7 C.F.R. §273.9(c)(7) of household members
11 that meet all the following criteria shall be excluded from
12 household income:

13 (i) Less than twenty-two years of age.

14 (ii) Enrolled in an elementary or secondary school.

15 (iii) Resides with a natural parent, adoptive parent,
16 stepparent, or other household member who exercises parental
17 control over the household member described in subparagraph
18 subdivisions (i) and (ii).

19 (b) The director of health and human services shall
20 notify the Iowa Code editor upon approval of the waiver under
21 subparagraph division (a).

22 c. Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. §2015(f), an individual shall be
23 ineligible to participate in SNAP unless the individual is a
24 resident of the United States and meets at least one of the
25 following criteria:

26 (1) The individual is a citizen or national of the United
27 States.

28 (2) The individual is an alien lawfully admitted for
29 permanent residence as an immigrant, as defined in 8 U.S.C.
30 §1101(a)(15) and 1101(a)(20), excluding alien visitors,
31 tourists, diplomats, students, or other individuals admitted
32 temporarily with no intention of abandoning their residence in
33 a foreign country.

34 (3) The individual is an alien who has been granted the
35 status of Cuban and Haitian entrant, as defined in section

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1 501(e) of the federal Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980,
2 Pub. L. No. 96-422.

3 (4) The individual lawfully resides in the United States in
4 accordance with a compact of free association referred to in 8
5 U.S.C. §1612(b)(2)(G).

6 2. The department shall comply with federal reporting
7 requirements relating to a household member who is determined
8 to be ineligible to participate in SNAP pursuant to 7 C.F.R.
9 §273.4(b).

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DIVISION III

11

MEDICAID AND IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN — RETROACTIVE

12

ELIGIBILITY

13

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **249A.3B Medicaid — retroactive**

14

eligibility.

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1. Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the
16 contrary, effective January 1, 2027, in compliance with section
17 71112 of Pub. L. No. 119-21, commonly referred to as the One
18 Big Beautiful Bill Act, the department shall adopt rules to
19 provide that the eligibility of a individual who is a pregnant
20 woman, a child, or a resident of a nursing facility licensed
21 under chapter 135C shall be applied retroactively for no more
22 than two months prior to the month in which the individual
23 submits a completed medical assistance program application.

24

2. The department shall not adopt rules, or submit a
25 request for a waiver or state plan amendment to the centers for
26 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
27 of health and human services, to permit the department to
28 provide medical assistance program eligibility retroactively to
29 any other adult individual except as provided in subsection 1.

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Sec. 7. Section 249N.4, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended
31 to read as follows:

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5. A member is eligible for coverage effective the first day
33 of the month ~~following the month~~ of application for enrollment.

34

The department shall not adopt rules or submit a request for
35 a waiver or state plan amendment to the centers for Medicare

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1 and Medicaid services of the United States department of health
2 and human services to permit the department to provide program
3 eligibility prior to the month in which the individual submits
4 a completed application for enrollment.

5 Sec. 8. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 12, subsection
6 15, paragraph a, subparagraph (7), as amended by 2018 Iowa
7 Acts, chapter 1165, section 107, is amended by striking the
8 subparagraph.

9 Sec. 9. MEDICAID RETROACTIVE ELIGIBILITY — WAIVER. The
10 department of health and human services shall submit a
11 request for a section 1115 demonstration waiver to the centers
12 for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
13 department of health and human services for approval to
14 allow, for purposes of state administration of Medicaid, for
15 implementation by the department of no retroactive eligibility
16 for any adult individual who is not a pregnant woman, a child,
17 or a resident of a nursing facility licensed under chapter
18 135C, upon the submission of a completed Medicaid application,
19 instead of three months as required under 42 C.F.R. §435.915.
20 The department shall implement the waiver upon receipt of
21 approval of the waiver by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid
22 services of the United States department of health and human
23 services.

24 DIVISION IV

25 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — ERROR RATE REPORT
26 AND WAIVERS

27 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 135.16E Supplemental nutrition
28 assistance program error rate — report.

29 Beginning with the fiscal quarter that starts on October
30 1, 2026, and every fiscal quarter thereafter, within thirty
31 calendar days of transmission of data to the food and nutrition
32 services of the United States department of agriculture, the
33 department shall submit a report to the general assembly
34 detailing payment error rates associated with the supplemental
35 nutrition assistance program for the immediately preceding

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1 fiscal quarter. For the purposes of this section, *“supplemental*
2 *nutrition assistance program”* has the same meaning as defined
3 in section 239.1.

4 Sec. 11. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
5 — WAIVER OF EARNED INCOME RULES.

6 1. The department of health and human services shall
7 request a waiver from the food and nutrition services of the
8 United States department of agriculture to provide that,
9 for purposes of state administration of the supplemental
10 nutrition assistance program, the earned income under 7
11 C.F.R. §273.9(c)(7) of household members that meet all of the
12 following criteria shall be excluded from household income:

- 13 a. Less than twenty-two years of age.
14 b. Enrolled in an elementary or secondary school.
15 c. Resides with a natural parent, adoptive parent,
16 stepparent, or other household member who exercises parental
17 control over the household member described in paragraphs “a”
18 and “b”.

19 2. The department of health and human services shall
20 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver
21 from the United States department of agriculture.

22 Sec. 12. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
23 — WAIVER OF ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION RULES.

24 1. The department of health and human services shall
25 request a waiver from the food and nutrition services of the
26 United States department of agriculture to provide that, for
27 purposes of state administration of the supplemental nutrition
28 assistance program, information from the following automated
29 sources be considered verified upon receipt for purposes
30 of 7 C.F.R. §272.12(c):

- 31 a. The national directory of new hires maintained by the
32 office of child support services of the United States office
33 for the administration of children and families.
34 b. The unemployment insurance benefits data released by the
35 Iowa department of workforce development.

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1 c. The United States social security administration
2 benefits, death, social security number, and citizenship
3 records.

4 d. The residency and identity data released by the United
5 States department of transportation.

6 e. The state incarceration data released by the Iowa
7 department of corrections.

8 f. The automated employment verification service known as
9 work number, or equivalent third-party income verification
10 platforms.

11 2. The department of health and human services shall
12 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver
13 from the United States department of agriculture.

14 Sec. 13. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
15 — WAIVER OF EXPUNGEMENT RULES.

16 1. The department of health and human services shall
17 request a waiver from the food and nutrition services of the
18 United States department of agriculture to provide that, for
19 purposes of state administration of the supplemental nutrition
20 assistance program, expungement of benefits on a household's
21 electronic benefit account under 7 C.F.R. §274.2(i) be
22 permitted after three months or ninety-one days of inactivity,
23 or of benefits remaining, on the electronic benefit account.

24 2. The department of health and human services shall
25 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver
26 from the United States department of agriculture.

27 Sec. 14. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
28 — WAIVER OF PAYMENT QUALITY CONTROL SAMPLING PROCEDURES.

29 1. The department of health and human services shall
30 request a waiver from the food and nutrition services of the
31 United States department of agriculture to provide that, for
32 purposes of state administration of the supplemental nutrition
33 assistance program, when reporting the state's payment error
34 rate as outlined by 7 C.F.R. §275.14, and food and nutrition
35 services handbooks 310 and 311, the department of health and

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1 human services be permitted to report the payment error rate
2 based only on errors directly attributable to the department.

3 2. The department of health and human services shall
4 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver
5 from the United States department of agriculture.

6 DIVISION V

7 MEDICAID — EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND EXCEPTIONS
8 TO POLICY REVIEW

9 Sec. 15. Section 249A.3, subsection 2, paragraph a,
10 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) (a) As allowed under 42 U.S.C.
12 §1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), individuals with disabilities,
13 who are less than sixty-five years of age, who are members of
14 families whose income is less than ~~two hundred fifty three~~
15 hundred percent of the most recently revised official poverty
16 guidelines published by the United States department of health
17 and human services for the family, who have earned income
18 and who are eligible for mandatory medical assistance or
19 optional medical assistance under this section if earnings are
20 disregarded.

21 (b) As allowed by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2), unearned income
22 shall also be disregarded in determining whether an individual
23 is eligible for assistance under this subparagraph.

24 (c) For the purposes of determining the amount of an
25 individual's resources under this subparagraph and as allowed
26 by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2), a maximum of ten thousand dollars
27 of available resources for an individual, and twenty-one
28 thousand dollars of available resources for a couple shall be
29 disregarded, and any additional resources held in a retirement
30 account, in a medical savings account, or in any other account
31 approved under rules adopted by the department shall also be
32 disregarded.

33 ~~(b)~~ (d) Individuals eligible for assistance under this
34 subparagraph, whose individual income exceeds one hundred
35 fifty percent of the official poverty guidelines published

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1 by the United States department of health and human services
2 for an individual, shall pay a premium. The amount of the
3 premium shall be based on a sliding fee schedule adopted by
4 rule of the department and shall be based on a percentage of
5 the individual's income. ~~The maximum premium payable by an~~
6 ~~individual whose income exceeds one hundred fifty percent of~~
7 ~~the official poverty guidelines shall be commensurate with~~
8 ~~the cost of state employees' group health insurance in this~~
9 ~~state. The payment to and acceptance by an automated case~~
10 ~~management system or the department of the premium required~~
11 ~~under this subparagraph shall not automatically confer initial~~
12 ~~or continuing program eligibility on an individual. The~~
13 department shall maintain a page on the department's internet
14 site where individuals can electronically pay any premium owed
15 by an individual to the department. A premium paid to and
16 accepted by the department's premium payment process that is
17 subsequently determined to be untimely or to have been paid on
18 behalf of an individual ineligible for the program shall be
19 refunded to the remitter in accordance with rules adopted by
20 the department. Any unpaid premium shall be a debt owed to the
21 department.

22 Sec. 16. Section 249A.4, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
23 following new subsections:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Submit a report to the general
25 assembly, including the official payment error rate and
26 a summary of the data submitted in the payment error rate
27 measurement report, within thirty calendar days of receipt by
28 the department of the annual official payment error rate from
29 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
30 States department of health and human services.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Submit an annual report to the general
32 assembly on or before October 1 on petitions for a waiver, also
33 referred to by the department as exceptions to policy, of rules
34 governing the Medicaid program filed pursuant to the rules of
35 the department. The report must include all the following for

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1 the immediately preceding fiscal year:

2 *a.* The total number of exceptions to policy granted.

3 *b.* The cumulative cost of the exceptions to policy that were
4 granted.

5 *c.* The types of exceptions to policy that were granted.

6 *d.* Identifiable trends noted by the department including any
7 of the following:

8 (1) The number of exceptions to policy granted in a
9 particular geographic location.

10 (2) The types of Medicaid services that were the basis for
11 exceptions to policy.

12 (3) The Medicaid program eligibility classification of
13 individuals granted exceptions to policy.

14 Sec. 17. MEDICAID EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY REVIEW — REPORT
15 TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The department of health and human
16 services shall conduct a review of petitions for a waiver,
17 also referred to by the department as exceptions to policy, of
18 rules governing the Medicaid program granted by the department
19 between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2026, and shall submit
20 a report on or before December 15, 2026, of the findings of the
21 review. The report shall include all of the following:

22 1. The total number of exceptions to policy granted.

23 2. The cumulative cost of the exceptions to policy that were
24 granted.

25 3. The types of exceptions to policy that were granted.

26 4. Identifiable trends noted by the department including
27 any of the following:

28 *a.* The number of exceptions to policy granted in a
29 particular geographic location.

30 *b.* The types of Medicaid services that were the basis for
31 exceptions to policy.

32 *c.* The Medicaid program classification of individuals
33 granted exceptions to policy.

34 Sec. 18. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
35 effect contingent upon receipt of federal approval by the

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1 department of health and human services from the centers for
2 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
3 of health and human services:

4 The section of this division of this Act amending section
5 249A.3, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), Code
6 2026, relating to Medicaid eligibility for employed individuals
7 with disabilities.

8 DIVISION VI

9 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE — SPECIAL POPULATION NURSING
10 FACILITIES

11 Sec. 19. Section 249A.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
12 following new subsection:

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. "*Special population nursing facility*"
14 refers to a nursing facility that serves one of the following
15 populations and has been designated as a special population
16 nursing facility by the department:

17 *a.* One hundred percent of the residents served are aged
18 thirty and under and require a skilled level of care.

19 *b.* Seventy percent of the residents served require a skilled
20 level of care for neurological disorders.

21 *c.* One hundred percent of the residents require care from a
22 facility licensed by the department of inspections, appeals,
23 and licensing as an intermediate care facility for persons with
24 mental illness.

25 *d.* One hundred percent of the residents require care from a
26 facility licensed by the department of inspections, appeals,
27 and licensing as an intermediate care facility for persons with
28 medical complexity.

29 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. 249A.38C Medicaid reimbursement rate
30 — special population nursing facilities.

31 The provider reimbursement rate for each special population
32 nursing facility must be the special population nursing
33 facility's average allowable per diem costs as adjusted in
34 compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations,
35 including the upper payment limits specified in 42 C.F.R.

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1 §447.272(b). If a special population nursing facility subject
2 to this section increases the special population nursing
3 facility's number of beds or expands to provide additional
4 services on or after July 1, 2026, the reimbursement rate in
5 this section shall apply to such additional beds or services.

6 DIVISION VII

7 MEDICAID — EXPENDITURE NEUTRALITY

8 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. **249A.32C Medicaid waivers and state**
9 **plan amendments — expenditure neutrality.**

10 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
11 otherwise requires, "*expenditure neutral*" means that the cost
12 of a federally approved change to an existing, or new request
13 for a, Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment will not result
14 in a net increase in expenditures from the general fund of the
15 state, as certified by an independent actuary retained by the
16 department and confirmed by the legislative services agency.

17 2. The department shall not implement a change to a Medicaid
18 waiver or state plan amendment approved by the centers for
19 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
20 of health and human services if the change is not expenditure
21 neutral, unless expressly approved by the general assembly
22 through legislation prior to the implementation of the change.

23 3. This section shall not apply when the department
24 implements a federally approved change to, or submits a new
25 request for, a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment that
26 meets any of the following requirements:

27 *a.* The change or new request was submitted for federal
28 approval prior to July 1, 2026, regardless of whether federal
29 approval has been received by the department by July 1, 2026.

30 *b.* The change or new request has previously been approved
31 by the general assembly through legislation, or is necessary
32 to administer legislation enacted prior to the department
33 implementing the change or submitting a new request.

34 *c.* The change or new request is required by federal law
35 or regulation, or is necessary to comply with federal law or

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1 regulation.

2 *d.* The change or new request is necessary to comply with a
3 settlement agreement, consent decree, or other resolution of a
4 state violation of the federal Medicaid program. A change or
5 new request initiated under this paragraph shall be reported
6 to the general assembly, with an estimate of the fiscal impact
7 of the change or new request to the extent it is known, within
8 thirty days of the date of the settlement agreement, consent
9 decree, or other resolution of a state violation of the federal
10 Medicaid program.

11 *e.* The change or new request involves the development or
12 implementation of actuarially sound capitation rates consistent
13 with 42 C.F.R. §438.4.

14 4. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
15 administer this section.>

16 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 5 and inserting
17 <An Act relating to public assistance programs under the
18 purview of the department of health and human services,
19 including the supplemental nutrition assistance program,
20 Medicaid, the Iowa health and wellness plan, and Medicaid for
21 unemployed persons with disabilities, and including effective
22 date provisions.>

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House File 2764

H-8385

1 Amend the amendment, H-8382, to House File 2764, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, after line 4 by inserting:

3 <___. Page 2, after line 6 by inserting:

4 <Sec. ___. Section 257.8, Code 2026, is amended by adding
5 the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. *Failure to timely enact state percents*
7 *of growth.* If the state percent of growth and categorical state
8 percent of growth for a budget year are not enacted by April
9 15 of the base year, the application process for education
10 savings accounts under section 257.11B, subsection 3, paragraph
11 "a", shall be suspended beginning on April 15 of the base year
12 and shall remain suspended until the day following enactment
13 of legislation establishing the state percent of growth and
14 categorical state percent of growth for the applicable budget
15 year.>

16 ___. Title page, line 2, after <amounts> by inserting
17 <and the enactment of the state percent of growth and the
18 categorical state percent of growth>

19 ___. By renumbering as necessary.>

LEVIN of Johnson

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House File 2676

H-8386

1 Amend the Senate amendment, H-8335, to House File 2676, as
2 amended, passed, and reprinted by the House, as follows:

3 1. By striking page 1, line 5, through page 48, line 10, and
4 inserting:

5 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 135.196 Iowa benefit exchange fund
6 — enhanced premium credits — appropriation.

7 1. As used in this section, “*enhanced premium tax credit*”
8 means the advanced premium tax credit under 26 U.S.C.
9 §36B(3)(A).

10 2. The department and the department of insurance and
11 financial services shall cooperate and develop an internet
12 site to be located on the internet site of the department to
13 effectuate this section.

14 3. An Iowa benefit exchange fund is created in the state
15 treasury under the control of the department. Moneys in the
16 fund are to be used for the sole purpose of providing subsidies
17 to persons whose applications have been approved pursuant to
18 this section. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section
19 8.33. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
20 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

21 4. The purpose of the fund is to provide funding for the
22 establishment of a state-based health insurance subsidy to
23 mitigate the impact of the reduction in the enhanced federal
24 advanced premium tax credits after the 2025 tax year.

25 5. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending
26 June 30, 2027, there is appropriated from the general fund of
27 the state to the department to be credited to the Iowa benefit
28 exchange fund, an amount sufficient to implement this section
29 until such time that the enhanced federal advanced premium
30 tax credits are restored to a level equaling or exceeding the
31 amount of the enhanced premium tax credit available to persons
32 during the 2025 tax year.

33 6. Beginning July 1, 2026, in order to qualify for a subsidy
34 to mitigate the impact of the reduction in enhanced federal
35 advanced premium tax credits, a person who is a resident may

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1 submit an application to the department in a manner specified
2 by the department. The application shall include identical
3 information submitted by a person as if applying for health
4 insurance coverage under the federal Patient Protection and
5 Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, including personal
6 information, household income, immigration status, and any
7 current or available health insurance coverage.

8 7. a. For the tax year beginning on or after January 1,
9 2026, but before January 1, 2027, and upon approval of the
10 application by the department, an amount equal to the enhanced
11 premium tax credit the person would have received as if the
12 enhanced premium tax credit did not expire shall be provided to
13 the person to offset the cost of the health insurance coverage.

14 b. The amount provided shall be based upon the calculation
15 for the enhanced premium tax credits during the 2025 tax year.

16 c. The amount provided may be retroactive to January 1,
17 2026, if the person qualified for such credits, or to the
18 date the person would have qualified for enhanced premium tax
19 credits in 2026, whichever is earlier.

20 8. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
21 to administer this section.

22 _____. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
23 <An Act establishing a state-based health insurance subsidy,
24 and making an appropriation.>>

25 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate Amendment to
House File 2562

H-8387

1 Amend House File 2562, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION I
5 CARE FACILITY PLACEMENT>

6 2. Page 7, after line 24 by inserting:

7 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 144H.6 Division of aging and
8 disability services — notification.

9 1. Upon completion of a physician's certification pursuant
10 to section 144H.2, and prior to a person authorized to consent
11 taking any action under section 144H.3, the patient's attending
12 physician shall forward a copy of the physician's certification
13 to the department's division of aging and disability services.

14 2. At least ten days prior to a care facility or an
15 attending physician petitioning the court for an order
16 under section 144H.5, the care facility or the patient's
17 attending physician shall forward a copy of the petition to the
18 department's division of aging and disability services.

19 3. Upon granting a petition pursuant to section 144H.5,
20 the court shall forward a copy of the court order to the
21 department's division of aging and disability services.

22 4. A receiving care facility placing a patient pursuant
23 to section 144H.3, or a court order under section 144H.5,
24 shall notify the department's division of aging and disability
25 services upon completion of the patient's placement at the
26 receiving care facility.>

27 3. Page 7, line 25, by striking <144H.6> and inserting
28 <144H.7>

29 4. Page 7, line 33, by striking <144H.7> and inserting
30 <144H.8>

31 5. Page 8, line 9, by striking <144H.8> and inserting
32 <144H.9>

33 6. Page 8, after line 11 by inserting:

34 <DIVISION ____
35 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO CONSENT — CONTINGENT ON ENACTMENT OF

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1 LEGISLATION

2 Sec. _____. Section 144H.1, subsection 6, as enacted in
3 Division I of this Act, is amended to read as follows:

4 6. *“Person authorized to consent”* means an individual,
5 in the same order of priority prescribed in section 144A.7,
6 subsection 1, paragraph “b”, who shall be guided by the express
7 or implied intentions of the patient and who is reasonably
8 available, willing, and competent to consent, refuse to
9 consent, or withdraw consent on a patient’s behalf.

10 Sec. _____. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this
11 Act takes effect only if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2305, or
12 successor legislation, amends section 144A.7, subsection 1,
13 paragraph “b”, and is substantially similar to the following
14 language:

15 b. If a patient does not have an attorney in fact, a
16 guardian appointed pursuant to chapter 633, or a guardian
17 who has obtained court approval in accordance with section
18 232D.401, subsection 4, paragraph “a”, the decision may be made
19 by any of the following individuals, who shall be guided by the
20 express or implied intentions of the patient, in the following
21 order of priority if no individual in the previous priority
22 is reasonably available, willing, and competent to make the
23 decision:

24 (1) The patient’s spouse.

25 (2) An adult child of the patient or, if the patient
26 has more than one adult child, the decision agreed to by a
27 majority of the adult children who are reasonably available for
28 consultation with the patient’s attending provider.

29 (3) A parent of the patient or if the patient has more than
30 one parent, the decision agreed to by both parents if both
31 are reasonably available for consultation with the patient’s
32 attending provider.

33 (4) An adult sibling of the patient or, if the patient
34 has more than one adult sibling, the decision agreed to by a
35 majority of the adult siblings who are reasonably available for

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1 consultation with the patient's attending provider.

2 (5) The decision agreed to by a majority of the patient's
3 adult relatives, including but not limited to grandchildren,
4 grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, stepchildren,
5 stepparents, and stepsiblings who are reasonably available for
6 consultation with the patient's attending provider.

7 (6) A close adult friend.>

8 7. Title page, line 2, after <adults> by inserting <, and
9 including effective date provisions>

10 8. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate Amendment to
House File 960

H-8388

- 1 Amend House File 960, as passed by the House, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 2, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>
3 2. Page 1, line 4, after <used> by inserting <in the
4 furnishing of telecommunications services, internet access
5 services, or a combination of these, on a commercial basis>
6 3. Page 1, line 10, by striking <for a> and inserting <for
7 by a provider of>
8 4. Page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking <in the furnishing
9 of telecommunications services on a commercial basis> and
10 inserting <~~in the furnishing of telecommunications services on~~
11 ~~a commercial basis~~>

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Senate Amendment to
House File 2490

H-8389

1 Amend House File 2490, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 20, by striking <any> and inserting <the
3 primary>

4 2. Page 1, line 22, before <internet> by inserting <primary>

5 3. Page 1, after line 29 by inserting:

6 <Sec. ____ . Section 22.3, Code 2026, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **22.3 Supervision — fees.**

9 1. a. The examination and copying of public records shall
10 be done under the supervision of the lawful custodian of the
11 records or the lawful custodian's authorized designee.

12 b. The lawful custodian shall not require the physical
13 presence of a person requesting or receiving a copy of a public
14 record and shall fulfill requests for a copy of a public record
15 received in writing, by telephone, or by electronic means.

16 ~~Although fulfillment~~

17 2. a. Fulfillment of a request for a copy of a public
18 record may be contingent upon receipt of payment of reasonable
19 expenses, ~~the.~~ The lawful custodian shall make every
20 reasonable effort to provide the public record requested at no
21 cost other than copying costs for a record which takes less
22 than thirty minutes to produce.

23 b. In the event expenses are necessary, such expenses ~~shall~~
24 must be reasonable and shall be communicated to the requester
25 upon receipt of the request.

26 c. A person may contest the reasonableness of the lawful
27 custodian's expenses as provided for in this chapter.

28 3. The lawful custodian may adopt and enforce reasonable
29 rules regarding the examination and copying of the public
30 records and the protection of the records against damage or
31 disorganization.

32 4. The lawful custodian shall provide a suitable ~~place~~
33 location for the examination and copying of the public records,
34 but if it is impracticable to do the examination and copying of
35 the records in the office of the lawful custodian, the person

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1 desiring to examine or copy shall pay any necessary expenses of
2 providing a place for the examination and copying.

3 ~~2. All reasonable expenses of the examination and copying~~
4 ~~shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy.~~

5 5. a. The lawful custodian may charge a reasonable fee
6 for the services of the lawful custodian or the custodian's
7 authorized designee in supervising the examination and
8 copying of the public records. All reasonable expenses of the
9 examination and copying shall be paid by the person desiring to
10 examine or copy the public record.

11 b. If copy equipment is available at the office of the
12 lawful custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian
13 shall provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any
14 public record in the custody of the office upon the payment of
15 a fee. The fee for the copying service as determined by the
16 lawful custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing
17 the service. Actual costs shall include only those reasonable
18 expenses directly attributable to supervising the examination
19 of and making and providing copies of public records. Actual
20 costs shall not include charges for ordinary expenses or
21 costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance,
22 electricity, or insurance associated with the administration of
23 the office of the lawful custodian.

24 c. Costs for legal services should only be utilized for
25 the redaction or review of legally protected confidential
26 information. ~~However, a~~

27 d. A county recorder shall not charge a fee for the
28 examination and copying of public records necessary to complete
29 and file claims for benefits with the Iowa department of
30 veterans affairs or the United States department of veterans
31 affairs.

32 Sec. ____ . Section 22.7, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code
33 2026, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

34 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) The last date the individual,
35 who resigned from or was discharged by the government body,

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1 performed work or actively carried out essential functions
2 of the position, regardless of whether the information is
3 contained in a written document, contract, agreement, or
4 arrangement.

5 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) The amount of moneys and public
6 benefits provided to the individual for any continuation of
7 pay, severance, or other compensation or benefits in excess of
8 the amounts owed for work performed by the individual prior
9 to the individual's last day as an employee, contractor, or
10 appointee for the government body, regardless of whether the
11 information is contained in a written document, contract,
12 agreement, or arrangement.>

13 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. **22.8A Injunction to restrain**
14 **vexatious requester.**

15 1. The district court may grant an injunction restraining
16 the right of a person found to be a vexatious requester to
17 examine public records under section 22.2 from a specific
18 government body, or may impose reasonable limitations on the
19 manner, frequency, or scope of such requests. A hearing shall
20 be held on a request for injunction after reasonable notice, as
21 determined by the court, is given to the person alleged to be a
22 vexatious requester. The government body seeking an injunction
23 shall ensure compliance with the notice requirement. Such an
24 injunction may be issued only if the petition supported by
25 affidavit shows, and if the court finds, all of the following:

26 a. The requests, considered in totality, would clearly not
27 be in the public interest.

28 b. The requests, considered in totality, constitute a
29 pattern of vexatious conduct.

30 c. The continuation of such requests would substantially and
31 irreparably injure the government body's ability to perform the
32 government body's duties or functions.

33 d. Less restrictive measures under this chapter are
34 inadequate to provide sufficient relief.

35 2. In an action brought under this section, the court shall

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1 take into account the policy of this chapter that free and
2 open examination of public records is generally in the public
3 interest even though such requests may cause inconvenience or
4 embarrassment to public officials or others. A court may issue
5 an injunction under this section only if the government body
6 seeking the injunction demonstrates by clear and convincing
7 evidence that this section authorizes the issuance of the
8 injunction.

9 3. In determining whether conduct constitutes vexatious
10 conduct under this section, the court may consider any of the
11 following:

12 a. The number, frequency, timing, scope, and content of
13 public requests.

14 b. The nature of oral and written communications related to
15 the public requests.

16 c. Any prior administrative or judicial findings regarding
17 the conduct of the requester.

18 d. All other relevant circumstances.

19 4. For purposes of this section:

20 a. "News media" includes any person who regularly gathers,
21 prepares, photographs, records, writes, edits, reports, or
22 publishes news for monetary consideration.

23 b. (1) "Vexatious conduct" means a pattern of public
24 records requests that satisfies one or more of the following:

25 (a) The requests are designed primarily to harass the
26 government body, its officers, or its employees.

27 (b) The government body shows by clear and convincing
28 evidence that the requests impose an unreasonable burden on the
29 government body and compliance would substantially interfere
30 with essential governmental operations.

31 (c) The requests are submitted in a manner or accompanied by
32 communication that constitute harassment of public officers or
33 employees as provided in section 718.4.

34 (2) "Vexatious conduct" does not include solely a large
35 volume of requests made by a person or a representative of the

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1 news media.

2 5. Upon finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the
3 requester has not engaged in a pattern of vexatious conduct,
4 a court shall order the payment of all costs and reasonable
5 attorney fees, including appellate attorney fees, to the
6 requester by the government body in the action brought under
7 this section.>

8 4. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting
9 <An Act relating to public meetings and records, including
10 public notice requirements for meetings of a governmental
11 body, supervision and fees associated with examining and
12 copying public records, employment separation information for
13 certain government employees, contractors, or appointees, and
14 injunctions to restrain vexatious requesters.>

15 5. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate Amendment to
House Amendment to
Senate File 274

H-8390

1 Amend the House amendment, S-5057, to Senate File 274, as
2 passed by the Senate, as follows:
3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 17 through 19 and inserting:
4 <3. This section shall not apply to any of the following:
5 a. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
6 competition that takes place at a public school or a nonpublic
7 school that is not a member of an organization.
8 b. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
9 competition, sponsored by an organization, that takes place at
10 a venue that is not owned or operated by a public school, a
11 nonpublic school, or an organization.>

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House Study Bill 779 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition of a religious institution
2 or society for purposes of property taxation and including
3 applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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H.F. _____

1 Section 1. Section 427.1, subsection 8, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. For purposes of this section, “religious
4 institution or society” includes but is not limited to any of
5 the following:

- 6 (1) A church or other house of worship.
- 7 (2) A convention or association of churches or other houses
8 of worship.
- 9 (3) A religious nonprofit corporation organized under
10 chapter 504 primarily for religious purposes regardless of
11 whether it is integrated or affiliated with a church or other
12 house of worship.

13 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to assessment years
14 beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Under current law, certain property of religious
19 institutions and societies are exempt from property taxation.
20 This bill defines “religious institution or society” to include
21 but not be limited to: (1) a church or other house of worship;
22 (2) a convention or association of churches or other houses of
23 worship; or (3) a religious nonprofit corporation organized
24 under Code chapter 504 operated primarily for religious
25 purposes, regardless of whether it is integrated or affiliated
26 with a church or other house of worship.

27 The bill applies to assessment years beginning on or after
28 January 1, 2027.

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House File 2490

S-5193

1 Amend the amendment, S-5116, to House File 2490, as passed by
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. By striking page 1, line 9, through page 3, line 15, and
4 inserting:

5 <1. a. The examination and copying of public records shall
6 be done under the supervision of the lawful custodian of the
7 records or the lawful custodian's authorized designee.

8 b. The lawful custodian shall not require the physical
9 presence of a person requesting or receiving a copy of a public
10 record and shall fulfill requests for a copy of a public record
11 received in writing, by telephone, or by electronic means.

12 ~~Although fulfillment~~

13 2. a. Fulfillment of a request for a copy of a public
14 record may be contingent upon receipt of payment of reasonable
15 expenses, ~~the.~~ The lawful custodian shall make every
16 reasonable effort to provide the public record requested at no
17 cost other than copying costs for a record which takes less
18 than thirty minutes to produce.

19 b. In the event expenses are necessary, such expenses shall
20 must be reasonable and shall be communicated to the requester
21 upon receipt of the request.

22 c. A person may contest the reasonableness of the lawful
23 custodian's expenses as provided for in this chapter.

24 3. The lawful custodian may adopt and enforce reasonable
25 rules regarding the examination and copying of the public
26 records and the protection of the records against damage or
27 disorganization.

28 4. The lawful custodian shall provide a suitable ~~place~~
29 location for the examination and copying of the public records,
30 but if it is impracticable to do the examination and copying of
31 the records in the office of the lawful custodian, the person
32 desiring to examine or copy shall pay any necessary expenses of
33 providing a place for the examination and copying.

34 ~~2. All reasonable expenses of the examination and copying~~
35 ~~shall be paid by the person desiring to examine or copy.~~

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1 5. a. The lawful custodian may charge a reasonable fee
2 for the services of the lawful custodian or the custodian's
3 authorized designee in supervising the examination and
4 copying of the public records. All reasonable expenses of the
5 examination and copying shall be paid by the person desiring to
6 examine or copy the public record.

7 b. If copy equipment is available at the office of the
8 lawful custodian of any public records, the lawful custodian
9 shall provide any person a reasonable number of copies of any
10 public record in the custody of the office upon the payment of
11 a fee. The fee for the copying service as determined by the
12 lawful custodian shall not exceed the actual cost of providing
13 the service. Actual costs shall include only those reasonable
14 expenses directly attributable to supervising the examination
15 of and making and providing copies of public records. Actual
16 costs shall not include charges for ordinary expenses or
17 costs such as employment benefits, depreciation, maintenance,
18 electricity, or insurance associated with the administration of
19 the office of the lawful custodian.

20 c. Costs for legal services should only be utilized for
21 the redaction or review of legally protected confidential
22 information. ~~However, a~~

23 d. A county recorder shall not charge a fee for the
24 examination and copying of public records necessary to complete
25 and file claims for benefits with the Iowa department of
26 veterans affairs or the United States department of veterans
27 affairs.>

28 2. Page 3, after line 31 by inserting:

29 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 22.8A Injunction to restrain
30 vexatious requester.

31 1. The district court may grant an injunction restraining
32 the right of a person found to be a vexatious requester to
33 examine public records under section 22.2 from a specific
34 government body, or may impose reasonable limitations on the
35 manner, frequency, or scope of such requests. A hearing shall

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1 be held on a request for injunction after reasonable notice, as
2 determined by the court, is given to the person alleged to be a
3 vexatious requester. The government body seeking an injunction
4 shall ensure compliance with the notice requirement. Such an
5 injunction may be issued only if the petition supported by
6 affidavit shows, and if the court finds, all of the following:

7 *a.* The requests, considered in totality, would clearly not
8 be in the public interest.

9 *b.* The requests, considered in totality, constitute a
10 pattern of vexatious conduct.

11 *c.* The continuation of such requests would substantially and
12 irreparably injure the government body's ability to perform the
13 government body's duties or functions.

14 *d.* Less restrictive measures under this chapter are
15 inadequate to provide sufficient relief.

16 2. In an action brought under this section, the court shall
17 take into account the policy of this chapter that free and
18 open examination of public records is generally in the public
19 interest even though such requests may cause inconvenience or
20 embarrassment to public officials or others. A court may issue
21 an injunction under this section only if the government body
22 seeking the injunction demonstrates by clear and convincing
23 evidence that this section authorizes the issuance of the
24 injunction.

25 3. In determining whether conduct constitutes vexatious
26 conduct under this section, the court may consider any of the
27 following:

28 *a.* The number, frequency, timing, scope, and content of
29 public requests.

30 *b.* The nature of oral and written communications related to
31 the public requests.

32 *c.* Any prior administrative or judicial findings regarding
33 the conduct of the requester.

34 *d.* All other relevant circumstances.

35 4. For purposes of this section:

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1 *a. "News media"* includes any person who regularly gathers,
2 prepares, photographs, records, writes, edits, reports, or
3 publishes news for monetary consideration.

4 *b. (1) "Vexatious conduct"* means a pattern of public
5 records requests that satisfies one or more of the following:

6 (i) The requests are designed primarily to harass the
7 government body, its officers, or its employees.

8 (ii) The government body shows by clear and convincing
9 evidence that the requests impose an unreasonable burden on the
10 government body and compliance would substantially interfere
11 with essential governmental operations.

12 (iii) The requests are submitted in a manner or accompanied by
13 communication that constitute harassment of public officers or
14 employees as provided in section 718.4.

15 (2) *"Vexatious conduct"* does not include solely a large
16 volume of requests made by a person or a representative of the
17 news media.

18 5. Upon finding by a preponderance of the evidence that the
19 requester has not engaged in a pattern of vexatious conduct,
20 a court shall order the payment of all costs and reasonable
21 attorney fees, including appellate attorney fees, to the
22 requester by the government body in the action brought under
23 this section.>>

24 3. Page 3, line 35, by striking <costs> and inserting
25 <supervision and fees>

26 4. Page 4, line 1, by striking <and>

27 5. Page 4, line 2, by striking <appointees> and inserting
28 <appointees, and injunctions to restrain vexatious requesters>

29 6. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate File 274

S-5194

1 Amend the House amendment, S-5057, to Senate File 274, as
2 passed by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 17 through 19 and inserting:

4 <3. This section shall not apply to any of the following:

5 a. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
6 competition that takes place at a public school or a nonpublic
7 school that is not a member of an organization.

8 b. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest
9 or competition that takes place at a venue that is owned or
10 operated by a public school or a nonpublic school that is not
11 a member of an organization.>

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House File 2562

S-5195

1 Amend House File 2562, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION I
5 CARE FACILITY PLACEMENT>

6 2. Page 7, after line 24 by inserting:

7 <Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 144H.6 Division of aging and
8 disability services — notification.

9 1. Upon completion of a physician's certification pursuant
10 to section 144H.2, and prior to a person authorized to consent
11 taking any action under section 144H.3, the patient's attending
12 physician shall forward a copy of the physician's certification
13 to the department's division of aging and disability services.

14 2. At least ten days prior to a care facility or an
15 attending physician petitioning the court for an order
16 under section 144H.5, the care facility or the patient's
17 attending physician shall forward a copy of the petition to the
18 department's division of aging and disability services.

19 3. Upon granting a petition pursuant to section 144H.5,
20 the court shall forward a copy of the court order to the
21 department's division of aging and disability services.

22 4. A receiving care facility placing a patient pursuant
23 to section 144H.3, or a court order under section 144H.5,
24 shall notify the department's division of aging and disability
25 services upon completion of the patient's placement at the
26 receiving care facility.>

27 3. Page 7, line 25, by striking <144H.6> and inserting
28 <144H.7>

29 4. Page 7, line 33, by striking <144H.7> and inserting
30 <144H.8>

31 5. Page 8, line 9, by striking <144H.8> and inserting
32 <144H.9>

33 6. Page 8, after line 11 by inserting:

34 <DIVISION ____
35 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO CONSENT — CONTINGENT ON ENACTMENT OF

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1 LEGISLATION

2 Sec. _____. Section 144H.1, subsection 6, as enacted in
3 Division I of this Act, is amended to read as follows:

4 6. *“Person authorized to consent”* means an individual,
5 in the same order of priority prescribed in section 144A.7,
6 subsection 1, paragraph “b”, who shall be guided by the express
7 or implied intentions of the patient and who is reasonably
8 available, willing, and competent to consent, refuse to
9 consent, or withdraw consent on a patient’s behalf.

10 Sec. _____. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this
11 Act takes effect only if 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2305, or
12 successor legislation, amends section 144A.7, subsection 1,
13 paragraph “b”, and is substantially similar to the following
14 language:

15 b. If a patient does not have an attorney in fact, a
16 guardian appointed pursuant to chapter 633, or a guardian
17 who has obtained court approval in accordance with section
18 232D.401, subsection 4, paragraph “a”, the decision may be made
19 by any of the following individuals, who shall be guided by the
20 express or implied intentions of the patient, in the following
21 order of priority if no individual in the previous priority
22 is reasonably available, willing, and competent to make the
23 decision:

24 (1) The patient’s spouse.

25 (2) An adult child of the patient or, if the patient
26 has more than one adult child, the decision agreed to by a
27 majority of the adult children who are reasonably available for
28 consultation with the patient’s attending provider.

29 (3) A parent of the patient or if the patient has more than
30 one parent, the decision agreed to by both parents if both
31 are reasonably available for consultation with the patient’s
32 attending provider.

33 (4) An adult sibling of the patient or, if the patient
34 has more than one adult sibling, the decision agreed to by a
35 majority of the adult siblings who are reasonably available for

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1 consultation with the patient's attending provider.

2 (5) The decision agreed to by a majority of the patient's
3 adult relatives, including but not limited to grandchildren,
4 grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, stepchildren,
5 stepparents, and stepsiblings who are reasonably available for
6 consultation with the patient's attending provider.

7 (6) A close adult friend.>

8 7. Title page, line 2, after <adults> by inserting <, and
9 including effective date provisions>

10 8. By renumbering as necessary.

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Senate File 274

S-5196

1 Amend the House amendment, S-5057, to Senate File 274, as
2 passed by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 17 through 19 and inserting:

4 <3. This section shall not apply to any of the following:

5 a. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
6 competition that takes place at a public school or a nonpublic
7 school that is not a member of an organization.

8 b. An extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or
9 competition, sponsored by an organization, that takes place at
10 a venue that is not owned or operated by a public school, a
11 nonpublic school, or an organization.>

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Senate File 2499

S-5197

1 Amend Senate File 2499 as follows:

2 1. Page 17, line 5, by striking <domesticates> and inserting
3 <redomesticates>

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Senate File 2298

S-5198

1 Amend Senate File 2298 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 533A.8, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
5 2026, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. Maintain a separate bank ~~trust~~ account or dedicated
7 account in which all payments received from debtors for the
8 benefit of creditors shall be deposited and in which all
9 payments shall remain until a remittance is made to either the
10 debtor or the creditor.

11 Sec. 2. Section 533A.8, subsection 5, paragraph d, Code
12 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

13 Sec. 3. Section 533A.8, subsection 6, Code 2026, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 6. If the debt management program is not based on a model
16 which requires the licensee or any licensee to receive money or
17 evidences thereof from the debtor to distribute to the debtor's
18 creditors, ~~both of the following shall apply:~~

19 a. ~~The~~ the debtor shall maintain full control of and access
20 to any moneys set aside for payment to creditors.

21 b. ~~The licensee may not receive consideration from any third~~
22 ~~party in connection with services rendered to a debtor.~~

23 Sec. 4. Section 533A.8, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
24 following new subsection:

25 NEW SUBSECTION. 10A. If a debtor who has contracted with
26 a licensee to settle a debt has executed a debt settlement
27 agreement with a creditor to settle such debt and has made at
28 least one payment pursuant to that agreement, and the debtor
29 subsequently fails to complete the payment terms required under
30 that debt settlement agreement, the licensee shall attempt to
31 renegotiate, resolve, reduce, or otherwise alter the terms of
32 the debt with the creditor and shall not request or receive
33 an additional fee from the debtor for any additional debt
34 management service provided by the licensee for that debt.

35 This subsection does not prohibit a licensee from requesting

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1 or receiving payment of any outstanding balance of the fee
2 required by the contract between the licensee and debtor for
3 that debt.

4 Sec. 5. Section 533A.9, subsection 4, Code 2026, is amended
5 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 following:

7 4. If a debt management program is not based on a model that
8 requires the licensee or another licensee to receive money or
9 evidences thereof from the debtor to distribute to the debtor's
10 creditors, a licensee may not request or receive payment of
11 any fee or consideration for debt management services provided
12 under a debt management program unless all of the following are
13 true:

14 a. The licensee has renegotiated, resolved, reduced, or
15 otherwise altered the terms of at least one debt pursuant to a
16 resolution agreement or other contractual agreement executed
17 by the debtor and the creditor.

18 b. The debtor has made at least one payment pursuant to the
19 resolution agreement or other contractual agreement entered
20 into under paragraph "a".

21 c. To the extent that debts enrolled in the debt management
22 program are renegotiated, resolved, reduced, or otherwise
23 altered individually, the fee or consideration for the debt
24 management service bears the same proportional relationship to
25 the total fee or consideration for renegotiating, resolving,
26 reducing, or otherwise altering the terms of the entire debt
27 balance as the individual debt amount bears to the entire debt
28 amount, not to exceed thirty percent of the total amount of
29 debt enrolled by the debtor at the time of enrollment in the
30 debt management program. The individual debt amount and the
31 entire debt amount are those owed at the time the debt was
32 enrolled in the debt management program. The percent charged
33 is the same for each individual debt enrolled in the debt
34 management program.

35 Sec. 6. Section 533A.9, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended

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1 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 following:

3 5. *a.* Notwithstanding any provision of this section to
4 the contrary, the total aggregate fee or consideration charged
5 by a licensee for all debt management services provided by the
6 licensee to a debtor shall not exceed thirty percent of the
7 total amount of debt enrolled by the debtor at the time of
8 enrollment in the debt management program.

9 *b.* A licensee may assess and collect the fee for debt
10 management services on a per-debt basis as a debt is
11 renegotiated, settled, reduced, or otherwise altered in a
12 manner consistent with this section and applicable federal law.

13 Sec. 7. Section 533A.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. If a debt settlement agreement between a
16 debtor and a creditor to settle a debt provides for the debtor
17 to make more than one payment to the creditor, the licensee
18 shall request or receive payment from the debtor of any fee for
19 debt management services provided with respect to that debt
20 incrementally over not less than one quarter of the length of
21 the debtor's period of repayment to such creditor.

22 Sec. 8. Section 538A.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
23 by adding the following new paragraph:

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* A person licensed to engage in the
25 business of debt management under section 533A.2, when acting
26 within the course and scope of that license.>

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House File 2326

S-5199

1 Amend House File 2326, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 3, line 17, by striking <quarter> and inserting
4 <half>

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Senate Resolution 119 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Zach Wahls for his
2 service in the Iowa Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Zach Wahls was first elected in
4 November 2018, and has proudly served in the Senate
5 ever since; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls learned at a young age about
7 hard work and public service by earning the rank of
8 Eagle Scout; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls received his bachelor's
10 degree from the University of Iowa and his master's
11 degree in public affairs from Princeton University's
12 School of Public and International Affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, following his 2011 testimony before the
14 Iowa House of Representatives Judiciary Committee
15 about growing up with lesbian parents in the midwest,
16 Senator Wahls worked primarily as an advocate in
17 the LGBTQ rights movement; wrote extensively about
18 his family's experience, including a best-selling
19 book; participated in numerous speaking engagements,
20 including a prime-time speech at the 2012 Democratic
21 Convention; and co-founded and led Scouts for Equality,
22 which successfully organized the national campaign
23 to end discrimination against LGBT people in the Boy
24 Scouts of America; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls served as Senate Democratic
26 Leader, and has served on multiple legislative
27 committees during his time in the Senate, including
28 the Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce, Education,

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1 Government Oversight, Health and Human Services,
2 Local Government, Rules and Administration (ranking
3 member), Technology, Veterans Affairs, Ways and
4 Means, and Workforce committees; the Administration
5 and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee and the
6 Education Appropriations Subcommittee (ranking member);
7 the Regents Universities Study Committee; and the
8 Legislative Council; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls has further demonstrated his
10 commitment to civic engagement by serving on several
11 other boards and commissions, including the Advisory
12 Council for Agricultural Education, the Human Rights
13 Board, and the Iowa Finance Authority; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls decided to run for office
15 because he never forgot what it felt like to be left
16 out and how hard families like his had to fight simply
17 to get a seat at the table, and during his time in the
18 Senate he has been a tireless champion for the rights
19 of not only the LGBTQ community but for all Iowans; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Wahls is grateful to the citizens
21 of his district for placing their trust in him, and
22 looks forward to his next endeavors and to spending
23 more time with his wife, Dr. Chloe Angyal, and their
24 son, Elijah; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
26 Senator Zach Wahls for his years of service in the
27 Iowa Senate and wishes him all the best in the years
28 to come.

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Senate Resolution 120 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

1 A Resolution honoring Senator Bill Dotzler for his
2 service in the Iowa General Assembly.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Bill Dotzler was first elected to
4 the House of Representatives in 1996, and after three
5 terms he was elected to the Senate in 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Dotzler has represented Waterloo
7 throughout his career, serving as a passionate and
8 dedicated voice for the Cedar Valley at the Statehouse,
9 and with his decades of service as a machine operator
10 with John Deere, labor leader, and intelligence officer
11 for the United States Army, has brought significant
12 expertise on labor, workforce, and economic development
13 matters to the Senate; and

14 WHEREAS, during his time in the Senate, Senator
15 Dotzler has been a champion for the rights of workers
16 to organize, receive high-quality education and
17 training, be treated fairly by their employers, and
18 make a good living, as well as historic preservation,
19 robust economic development that benefits all Iowans,
20 support for Iowa's veterans, development of the Newton
21 Raceway as a premier NASCAR destination, support for
22 a strong, vital relationship between Iowa and Taiwan,
23 and his alma mater, the University of Northern Iowa,
24 and is always prepared to engage in floor debate on any
25 subject with a colorful and poignant story; and

26 WHEREAS, during his Senate tenure, Senator Dotzler
27 has served on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Economic
28 Growth (vice chair), Government Oversight, Human

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1 Resources, Labor and Business Relations, Natural
2 Resources and Environment, Technology, Veterans
3 Affairs (ranking member), Ways and Means, and Workforce
4 committees; the Economic Development Appropriations
5 Subcommittee (chair); the Professional Employer
6 Organization Review Committee, the Medical Malpractice
7 Study Committee, the Skilled Worker Shortage Study
8 Committee, the International Relations Committee,
9 the Tax Expenditure Committee, the Cannabidiol
10 Implementation Study Committee, the Iowa Rivers and
11 Waterways Study Committee, the Iowa Skilled Worker
12 and Job Creation Fund Study Committee, the Industrial
13 Hemp Program Study Committee, the Public Retirement
14 Systems Committee, and the Legislative Council;
15 the Iowa Workforce Development Board, the Grow Iowa
16 Values Board, the Information Technology Council, the
17 Commission on Aging, the Iowa Innovation Council, the
18 Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement Governing
19 Board, the Enhance Iowa Board, the Future Ready Iowa
20 Alliance, the Iowa Capital Investment Board, the
21 Governor's Housing Task Force, the Small Business
22 Development Council, the Governor's Future Ready Iowa
23 Task Force, the Private Industry Council, the Center
24 for Business Growth and Innovation Advisory Committee,
25 and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center Advisory Board; and
26 WHEREAS, Senator Dotzler has further demonstrated
27 his commitment to civic engagement through his
28 involvement with the Iowa Institute for Public
29 Leadership Board, the 21st Century Workforce Council,
30 the Institute for Decision Making Advisory Council at

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1 the University of Northern Iowa, the Waterloo Nursing
2 Association Board of Directors, the Friends of Hartman
3 Reserve Nature Center, the Cedar Trails Partnership,
4 the Black Hawk Leadership Board of Directors, the Area
5 7 Regional Workforce Advisory Board, the Friends of
6 the Gilbertville Depot Board, the Visiting Nursing
7 Association, the Black Hawk Gaming Commission, AMVETS
8 Post 31, and American Legion Post 138; his many years
9 of riding in RAGBRAI; and by earning the Governor's
10 Volunteer Service Award, the Governor's Special
11 Recognition Award, the Governor's Lifesaving Award,
12 and the International Citation Award for workforce
13 development; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Dotzler is dedicated to his family,
15 including his daughter Mikki and grandson Dylan,
16 his Ma, Virginia, and his nephew and former clerk
17 Chris; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
19 Senator Bill Dotzler for his 30 years of public service
20 to the people of Iowa and wishes him all the best in a
21 relaxing retirement by the Cedar River.