8A.707 Powers and duties of board and department.

1. The state historical society board of trustees shall:

a. Recommend to the state historical society a comprehensive, coordinated, and efficient policy to preserve, research, interpret, and promote to the public an awareness and understanding of local, state, and regional history.

b. Make recommendations to the director on historically related matters.

c. Review and recommend to the director or the director's designee policy decisions regarding the department as it relates to the historical resources of the state.

d. Recommend to the state historic preservation officer for approval the state preservation plan.

e. Perform other functions prescribed by law to further historically related matters in the state.

2. The department shall:

a. Have authority to acquire by fee simple title historic properties by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest; preserve, restore, transfer, and administer historic properties; and charge reasonable admission to historic properties.

b. Maintain research centers in Des Moines and Iowa City.

3. The department may:

a. By rule, establish advisory groups necessary for the receipt of federal funds or grants or the administration of any of the department's programs relating to the historical resources of the state.

b. Develop and implement fee-based educational programming opportunities, including preschool programs, related to arts, history, and other cultural matters for Iowans of all ages.

[C73, §1902; C97, §2858, 2884; S13, §2881-a; C24, 27, 31, 35, §4515 – 4517, 4544; C39, **§4541.03, 4544;** C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §303.3, 304.3; C75, 77, 79, 81, §303.4, 303.5; 82 Acts, ch 1238, §7]

C83, §303.6

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1309

C87, §303.8

89 Acts, ch 78, §4; 2018 Acts, ch 1026, §106; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §1405, 1406, 1424

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Additional board duties, see §103A.41 and §103A.45

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NEW subsection 3