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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

9:30

Services to persons with MI, MR, and DD, 10/015/14 IAB, ARC 1660C, ADOPTED.

This 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2379, requires the Department to accredit crisis stabilization programs. These programs offer basic crisis response services; these services are defined as short-term crisis stabilization services provided after a crisis screening or assessment and which are designed to restore the individual to a prior functional level. Services include: 24-hour crisis response, crisis evaluation, 24-hour crisis line, warm line (peer operated telephone support), mobile response (on-site), 23-hour observation and holding, community-based crisis stabilization, and residential crisis stabilization. Each of these services is defined in the rules

Programs are accredited by the division of mental health and disability services.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

10:10

Workforce training and economic development funds, 10/15/14 IAB, ARC 1662C, ADOPTED.

This filing was initially reviewed by the committee in August. Code §260C.18A creates a workforce training and economic development fund for each community college. Each college must annually develop a workforce and economic development plan, followed up with progress reports, in order to be eligible for funding. The primary focus of the funding is to provide training and retraining of Iowa workers to develop the employee skills needed in targeted areas or to address a workforce development need of a targeted

area. Individual projects using over \$1 million from a workforce training and economic development fund requires prior approval from the board of education. Administration of these funds was transferred from the Economic Development Authority to the Department of Education in 2013 Acts, HF 604.

Funds may be used for the following:

- Projects relating to the accelerated career education program;
- Projects relating to the Iowa jobs training Act;
- Projects relating to the development and implementation of career academies;
- Programs and courses that provide vocational and technical training and programs for in-service training and retraining;
- Development and implementation of the pathways for career and employment program;
- Development and implementation of the GAP tuition assistance program;
- Programs for entrepreneurship education, small business assistance, and business incubators;
- Development and implementation of the National Career Readiness Certificate and the Skills Certification System.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

10:10

Adult education and literacy programs, 10/15/14 IAB, ARC 1672C, NOTICE.

This filing provides for statewide standards and guidance for adult education and literacy programs and defines the requirements for statewide planning, program administration, use of funding, career pathways, student eligibility, qualifications of staff, professional development, and performance and accountability.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

10:10

Standards for practitioner and administrator preparation programs, 10/15/14 IAB, ARC 1674C, NOTICE.

The State Board of Education proposes this rulemaking to update the standards that educator preparation programs must meet in order to be accredited to prepare educators in Iowa. Compliance with these standards is required and evaluated during each educator preparation program's accreditation review. The standards are also applied in an annual reporting system.

The current standards are in need of updating to remain current with research-based best practices in educator preparation, accountability, and continuous program improvement. A team of Iowa educators, Department of Education staff, and Board of Educational Examiners staff developed the proposed changes. The proposed changes

were subsequently vetted by educators and policy experts in Iowa and across the United States.

The rulemaking includes new standards for governance and resources; diversity; faculty qualifications and performance; assessment systems and unit evaluation; clinical practice; and candidate knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT

10:45

Respite care services, 10/15/14 IAB, ARC 1667C, ADOPTED.

These rules were initially reviewed at the Committees' July meeting, they were not controversial. The filing sets out a regulatory program for respite care services provided by assisted living programs. "Respite care services" are temporary supportive care services provided for 24 hours or more to relieve the usual caregiver of the person from providing continual care to the person. An assisted living program providing respite care services must meet these requirements related to respite services and must be certified as unassisted living program.

Respite care can be provided for no more than 30 consecutive days and for a total of no more than 60 days in a year. Prior to care, the person must be evaluated based on: safety and supervision needs; medical needs; dietary needs; bowel and bladder function.

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY

2015 Qualified Allocation Plan, 10/29/14 IAB, ARC 1700C, ADOPTED.

Each year the Authority updates the "Qualified Allocation Plan" for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. This program, in place for many years, provides a dollar-for-dollar credit to offset an owner's federal tax liability on ordinary income for a 10-year period. Tax credit interest may be syndicated or sold to generate equity for the developments, thus reducing the necessary mortgage financing. The credit is determined by taking a percentage of the "qualified" cost of development. The maximum percentage for new construction and rehabilitation is 9%. The maximum percentage for acquisition and federally subsidized projects is approximately 4%.

To be eligible a project must be a residential rental property; this would include apartments, single-family houses, duplexes, town homes or condominiums. The project may include new construction, major rehabilitation, or acquisition and rehabilitation. Twenty per cent or more of the units must be rent restricted and occupied by

individuals or families whose income is 50% or less than the area median gross income; or forty per cent of the units must be rent restricted and occupied by individuals or families whose income is sixty per cent or less than the area median gross income.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION

Barber school mentoring program, 10/15/14 IAB, ARC 168oC, ADOPTED.

The Board of Barbers adds a new component to the education program; schools may offer a mentoring program as part of the curriculum. This program is an unpaid internship at an actual shop, mentored by the barber. Students must first complete at least 50% of the total contact or credit hours required for graduation. Students may participate in a mentoring program for no more than 10% contact or credit hours required for graduation. The student may observe barbershop operations, but cannot provide haircutting services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

11:30

Apprenticeship Training Program, 10/29/14 IAB, ARC 1692C, NOTICE.

2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2460, creates new apprenticeship training grants program. This apprenticeship program is established by the federal Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship. Apprenticeship sponsors include trade, employer, or labor organizations, or other incorporated entity representing a group of apprenticeship sponsors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

11:30

Strategic Infrastructure Program, 10/29/14 IAB, ARC 1691C, NOTICE.

2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2359, creates a new strategic infrastructure program as part of the strategic investment fund, set out in Iowa Code §15.313. That fund is used to assist in relocation or expansion projects for existing businesses as well as entrepreneurial start-up and expansion projects.

The strategic infrastructure program provides financial assistance to strategic infrastructure projects that are not adequately provided by the public or private sectors. Projects can include building improvement developments, facilities and equipment upgrades, or the redevelopment or repurposing of underutilized property or other assets.

Projects will be reviewed by the Iowa innovation council, projects will be scored on a point system, with final approval by the economic development authority board.