

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Floor Manager:	Rep. Kaufmann	House Floor:	
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Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)	Governor:	

Government Realignment Cleanup

- Makes many conforming code changes to cleanup/clarify aspects of the realignment that was done in SF 514.
- Creates pay scales for positions within the executive branch appointed by the Governor to be within 3 pay ranges established by DAS.
- **FISCAL NOTE:** Any potential fiscal impact as a result of the salary changes cannot be determined at this time. It is assumed the fiscal impact of Division XV is approximately \$1.2 million and 10.7 FTE positions for CJJP research staff, which will be appropriated in FY 2025 to the DOM Department Operations instead of the HHS.

Section by Section Analysis

DIVISION I NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 1 – Assignments to work in parks (Iowa Code 233A.15)

Strikes reference to housing for children from the state training school assigned work within the state parks. Housing no longer exists.

DIVISION II DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND LICENSING

Section 2 – Interest in affected business (Iowa Code 10A.309)

Conforming code change to reflect changes in the reorg bill.

Section 3 – Interest in affected business (Iowa Code 10A.309)

Strikes a reference to Workforce Development that was missed in reorg bill.

Section 4 – Appointment of certain executive directors (Iowa Code 10A.504(1))

Strikes the requirement that the executive director is full time for the board of medicine, board of nursing, dental board, and board of pharmacy.

Sections 5 & 6

Adds that all money provided by law shall be deposited in the Licensing and regulation fund and adds that the fees collected by the construction contractors are deposited into the fund. All licensing fees shall be deposited into the Licensing and regulation fund.

Section 7

Code cleanup from the reorg bill.

Section 8 – (Iowa Code)

Eliminates each individual board from reviewing licensing fees. With the creation of the Licensing and Regulation Fund DIAL can review all fees and expected costs and assess each boards fees.

Sections 9 & 10

Conforming code change regarding executive directors of board of nursing and the dental board not required to be full time.

Section 11

Corrects the reference to the new location of the plumbing code in Chapter 105.4.

Section – 12

Corrects reference to the Real estate appraiser examining board to be included in Chapter 272C.

Sections 13 & 14

Repeals section of code for the Construction Contractors Registration Revolving Fund and transfers the remaining funds at the end of FY23 to the Licensing and Regulation Fund.

**DIVISION III
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Section 15

Moves the rulemaking authority to DPS for the movements for husbandry.

Section 16

Move the presentation of the department’s proposed budget to the state transportation commission before March 31 the preceding year.

Section 17

Allows the director to establish divisions within DOT as they deem necessary.

Sections 18-32

Changes code to clarify that statutory authorities are with the department and not the director individually.

**DIVISION IV
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Sections 33 & 34

Removes the higher education division, the bureaus, boards, and commissions within the higher education division from the exception to the duties of the Director of Education and allows the Director to assign subject matter duties to divisions of the Department.

Section 35

Changes code that staff of the Department serve at the discretion of the Director. Strikes redundant hearings for the removal of an employee.

Section 36

Updates a code reference that was missed in reorg.

Section 37

NEW SECTION – Salaried employees of the Iowa Educational Services for the blind and visually impaired and the Iowa school for the deaf who are employed less than 12 months per year are exempt from Chapter 70A for vacation leave. These employees can accrue 2 leave days a year and cannot have more than 3 at any time. Leave is not paid out when the employee is not longer employed.

Sections 38 - 40

The head of the Division of Innovation is now appointed by the Director of Education. Adds that the Director of Education supervises and can assign additional duties for the innovation division.

Sections 41-43

The head of the Higher Education Division is appointed by the Director of Education. Adds that the Director of Education supervises and can assign additional duties to the Higher Education Division. The head of the division cannot hire or control the division personnel.

**DIVISION V
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Section 44-92

Corrects code references for the Community-Based Correctional Program under the Department of Corrections that were missed during reorg.

Adds appropriate inclusion of the CBC District Directors and facilities to the Department of Corrections chapter of code. Moves chapter on CBC into the chapter on DOC.

**DIVISION VI
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

Sections 93-111

Code cleanup from moving Lottery to Revenue and updating titles (no officers in Lottery division).

Prohibits board members from having any direct or indirect interest in procurement contracts (currently code only prohibits major procurements).

**DIVISION VII
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Sections 112-113

Clarifying language on SNAP employment and training to department responsibilities and the reference to Federal guidelines.

Section 114

Strikes the community colleges from the implementation of the adult education and literacy programs. Workforce Development will be the sole administrator.

**DIVISION VIII
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Section 115

Strikes the annual report of the Office of Drug Control Policy. The reports will be part of the DPS annual report.

Section 116

Corrects reference from citations from fire officials to DIAL section on Fire Control.

**DIVISION IX
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY - REPORTS**

Section 117-133

Consolidates separate reporting requirements within the authority into one comprehensive annual report.

**DIVISION X
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY - PROGRAMS**

Section 134-139

Transferring sections of code moving the Iowa Student Internship program from IFA to Workforce Development.

**DIVISION XI
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Section 140-150

Corrects the administrative authority of the substance use disorder program to the Department of Health and Human Services instead of the HHS Council.

Section 151-152

Code clarification to allow for the sharing of HHS confidential information for the purposes of evaluating programs and services.

Section 153

Updating language to reflect current terminology for child support services.

Section 154

Gives the Director of HHS the full power to secure options to purchase real estate. (currently a may).

Section 155

Updating language to reflect current terminology for child support services.

**DIVISION XII
STATE SALARIES – APPOINTED STATE OFFICERS**

Section 156 – Appointed state officers – salary ranges (Iowa Code 8A.461)

NEW SECTION – Creates 3 pay scale ranges for nonelected persons appointed by the Governor within the executive branch of the government.

RANGE 1 (Paygrade 32 \$65,395.20 to \$101,150.40):

- Chairperson and members of the Employment Appeal Board of DIAL
- Executive Director of Department of the Blind
- Executive Director of IPIB
- Executive Director of the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board
- Chairperson, vice chair, and members of the Parole Board

RANGE 2: (Paygrade 38 \$93,288.00 to \$132,828.80):

- Workers' Compensation Commissioner
- Director of the Law Enforcement Academy
- Consumer Advocate
- Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission
- Administrator of the Public Broadcasting Division

RANGE 3 (Paygrade 43 \$118,081.60 to \$167,897.60):

- Chairperson and Members of the IUB
- Executive Director of the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission
- Executive Director of the Board of Regents
- Lottery Administrator
- Labor Commissioner
- State Public Defender
- State Court Administrator
- Superintendents of Banking and Credit Unions of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services

Sections 157-167

Conforming changes to reflect Section 156.

**DIVISION XIII
OFFICE FOR STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS**

Section 168

Strikes the requirement that the state-federal relations office is located in Washington, DC, but is attached to the office of the Governor.

**DIVISION XIV
HISTORICAL SITES**

Section 169

Removes an overlooked reference to the Department of Cultural Affairs from the reorg bill.

Sections 170-172

Strengthens the language on the State Historical Preservation Officer

**DIVISION XV
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT – JUSTICE INFORMATION**

Sections 173-182

Moves the Criminal Juvenile Justice Data Analysis team from HHS to DOM. After realignment it was recognized that this team belongs in DOM for its data analysis.

Amendment Analysis

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Strikes the change to the removing the Community Colleges from jointly implementing and administering the adult education and literacy programs with Workforce Development.

Adds language to allow a licensee to carryover up to 50% of their required hours of continuing credit for the following renewal period. Allows licensing boards to adopt rules to specify which carryover credits are not allowed to be applied.

