

489—3.1(237) Local boards. The state board shall establish local foster care boards in judicial districts as funding is made available for that purpose. The number of local boards needed and established shall be determined by the state board. A sufficient number of boards will be established to ensure no board shall carry a caseload larger than 100 cases.

3.1(1) The state board is responsible under the statute for establishment of policy and procedures which must be consistent with the provisions of the statute. Local boards are required to comply with policies and procedures. If a local board does not agree with a policy and procedure, the local board may bring that issue to the state board for discussion and request a change of policy. If the state board upholds the policy, local boards must comply.

3.1(2) Day-to-day implementation of policy is delegated by the state board to administrative staff. Staff is responsible for bringing questions about policy issues to the state board for clarification or changes of policy.

3.1(3) Any written communication from a local review board or local board member, in their capacity as a board member to state officials or media shall be sent to the foster care review board office and reviewed by the director prior to its release.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3 and 237.19.