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State Planning and Development.

House File 399
By VERMEER.

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Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act to establish an Iowa recreation board to study recreation needs and to provide upon request, consultation services for recreation programs for Iowa communities.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. 1. The governor shall appoint an Iowa recreation
2 board consisting of three members representing recreation interests
3 in the state. The board shall elect one member to act as chair-
4 man.

5 2. For the initial term of the appointed members of the board,
6 one shall be appointed for a term of two years, one for a term
7 of three years, one for a term of four years; and thereafter,
8 a successor for each member shall be appointed for a term of
9 four years.

10 3. Appointed members may be removed by the governor, and
11 vacancies in the board shall be filled by the governor for any
12 unexpired term.

13 4. The board shall meet quarterly and at other times upon
14 call of the chairman.

15 5. Members of the board shall serve without compensation
16 except that they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
17 expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board.

1 Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the board:

2 1. To study recreation needs of the state and to assemble
3 and disseminate recreation information.

4 2. To provide, upon request, to municipalities and other
5 political subdivisions of the state and to other organizations,
6 consultation service for the development of adequate community
7 recreation programs for the people of Iowa.

8 3. To cooperate in the development of recreation with
9 governmental agencies and private groups.

10 4. To in no way eliminate or duplicate any existing recreation
11 services, programs or agencies.

12 5. To submit an annual report of its activities to the
13 governor.

14 Sec. 3. The board is hereby authorized:

15 1. To receive any grant of funds made by any governmental
16 agency or any private gifts, bequests, devises and endowments.

17 The funds, if given as an endowment, shall be invested in
18 accordance with the provision of the trust or if there be no
19 such provision in those securities in which the state sinking
20 fund may be invested.

21 2. To administer all funds made available to the board.

22 3. To act jointly, when requested, with any other state
23 agency, institution, department, board or commission in order
24 to carry out the recreation board's objectives and responsibilities.

25 4. To appoint such committees as may be necessary to assist
26 the board in carrying out the provisions of this Act. Members
27 of such committees shall serve without compensation.

28 5. To employ and supervise an executive director who shall
29 be chosen for training, ability and experience in the field of
30 community recreation, and other qualified employees found
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 399

The smaller towns of Iowa need assistance in implementation of human resources that are available in their own communities. This board would provide guidance and information through a skilled consultant to help these communities make better use of their own recreation resources so they may provide adequate recreation services for the youth, family and senior citizens of their community.

In order for the above service to be provided to the communities of Iowa it is anticipated that a modest appropriation of at least \$25,000 per year would be necessary.