

HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing community empowerment areas to address needs
2 of senior adults.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 28.1, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. "Senior adult" means an individual who
4 is sixty years of age or older.

5 Sec. 2. Section 28.2, subsection 4, Code 2001, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 4. It is anticipated that the scope of the initiative will
8 expand as additional desired results are identified and agreed
9 upon by communities and the state. It is the intent of the
10 general assembly to identify from time to time the additional
11 desired results in statute. In addition to the initial set of
12 desired results identified in subsection 2, the desired
13 results shall include communities that are supportive of
14 senior adults.

15 Sec. 3. Section 28.4, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code
16 2001, is amended to read as follows:

17 b. Pooling and redirecting of existing federal, state, or
18 other public or private funds, including but not limited to
19 those funds directed to senior adults and other age groups.

20 Sec. 4. Section 28.4, subsection 12, paragraph b, Code
21 2001, is amended to read as follows:

22 b. With extensive community involvement, develop and
23 annually update a ten-year plan for consolidating, blending,
24 and redistributing state-administered funding streams for
25 other age groups made available to community empowerment area
26 boards, including but not limited to senior adults. The focus
27 for the early years of the initial ten-year plan shall be on
28 the efforts of the Iowa board and affected state agencies to
29 facilitate implementation of individual community empowerment
30 area board requests for pooling, consolidating, blending, and
31 redistributing state-administered funding streams for other
32 age groups.

33 Sec. 5. Section 28.5, subsection 1, Code 2001, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. The purpose of a community empowerment area is to

1 enable local citizens to lead collaborative efforts involving
2 education, health, and human services programs on behalf of
3 the children, families, and other citizens residing in the
4 area. Leadership functions may include but are not limited to
5 strategic planning for and oversight and managing of such
6 programs and the funding made available to the community
7 empowerment area for such programs from federal, state, local,
8 and private sources. The initial focus of the purpose is to
9 improve results for families with young children. As a
10 community empowerment area board increases the board's
11 leadership capacity, the board may act to expand the focus and
12 programs to address the needs of senior adults and other age
13 groups.

14 Sec. 6. Section 28.7, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
15 2001, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. Administer community empowerment grant moneys available
17 from the state to the community board as provided by law and
18 other federal, state, local, and private moneys made available
19 to the community board. Eligibility for receipt of community
20 empowerment grant moneys shall be limited to those community
21 boards that have developed an approved school ready children
22 grant plan in accordance with this chapter. A community board
23 may apply to the Iowa empowerment board to receive as a
24 community empowerment grant those moneys which would otherwise
25 only be available within the geographic area through
26 categorical funding sources or programs, including those
27 sources and programs directed to senior adults and other age
28 groups.

29 Sec. 7. Section 28.9, Code 2001, is amended by adding the
30 following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. A senior adults grants account is
32 created in the Iowa empowerment fund under the authority of
33 the director of the department of elder affairs. Moneys
34 credited to the account shall be distributed by the director
35 of the department of elder affairs in the form of grants to

1 community empowerment areas pursuant to criteria established
2 by the Iowa board in accordance with law.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill amends Code chapter 28, the community empowerment
5 Act, to expressly authorize community empowerment areas to
6 address needs of senior adults.

7 Code section 28.1 is amended to add a definition of the
8 term "senior adult" as a person who is 60 years of age or
9 older.

10 Code section 28.2, relating to the purpose and scope of the
11 community empowerment initiative, is amended to add
12 communities that are supportive of senior adults to the list
13 of desired results for the initiative.

14 Code section 28.4, relating to planning and other
15 responsibilities of the Iowa empowerment board, is amended to
16 specifically include a reference to senior adults in a
17 directive for the Iowa board to coordinate and respond to
18 requests from community boards for assistance in the pooling
19 or redirecting of funding sources and in a general reference
20 to other age groups to be addressed in a 10-year strategic
21 plan to be developed by the board.

22 Code section 28.5, relating to the purpose of a community
23 empowerment area, is amended to specifically include senior
24 adults and other age groups whose needs may be addressed by a
25 community empowerment board.

26 Code section 28.7, relating to responsibilities of a
27 community empowerment area board, is amended to specifically
28 include the funding sources and programs directed to senior
29 adults and other age groups among those funding streams that a
30 community level board may apply to the Iowa empowerment board
31 for assistance in receiving as a community empowerment grant.

32 Code section 28.9, relating to the Iowa empowerment fund,
33 is amended to create a senior adults account within the fund.
34 The account is placed under the authority of the director of
35 the department of elder affairs to be used for grants to

1 community empowerment areas pursuant to criteria established
2 by the Iowa empowerment board.

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