

State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER ONE


- WHEREAS, Senate File 2409 eliminated the Department of Employment Services, created the Department of Workforce Development, and established a Workforce Development Board; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Branstad signed Senate File 2409 into law on May 2, 1996; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Workforce Development was established to administer the laws of this State relating to unemployment compensation insurance, job placement and training, employment safety, labor standards, and worker's compensation; and
- WHEREAS, the duties of the Iowa Workforce Development Board include, but are not limited to the following activities: the development and implementation of a twenty-year comprehensive workforce development plan; the preparation of a five-year strategic plan; the development of evaluation methods; the establishment of guidelines for the awarding of grants; the review of grants awarded by the department; the recommendation of departmental usage of federal funding; and the adoption of rules recommended by the director of the department; and
- WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board meets the requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Chapter 1, Section 111, as an alternative entity that is substantially similar to the State Workforce Investment Board described therein; and
- WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Department Governing Board created by Executive Order Number 59, under Governor Branstad, has similar duties and responsibilities to the Workforce Development Board described herein; and
- WHEREAS, the Iowa Workforce Development Board continues to fulfill its duties under Iowa law.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the Laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order that:
- I. Executive Order Number 59 shall be rescinded.
 - II. The Iowa Workforce Development Board shall be deemed to be the state Workforce Investment Board under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and shall have the responsibility to serve the functions assigned under that federal act.
 - III. The Workforce Development Department shall provide the necessary coordination and support needed to permit the Iowa Workforce Development Board to fulfill its duties under state and federal law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE