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STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS



Appropriations Subcommittee Bills			
Appropriations Subcommittee		LSB/File #	Status
Admin./Regulation		HF 655	Passed House on March 25.
Ag./Natural Resources		SF 425	Passed Senate on March 25.
Economic Development		SF 433	Passed Senate on March 26.
Education		HF 662	Passed House Appropriations Committee on March 26.
Health & Human Services		LSB 1124JA	Passed Health & Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee on March 27.
Justice System		LSB 1125JA	Passed Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee on March 20.
Judicial Branch		SF 435	Passed Senate on March 27.
Infrastructure			Starts in the Senate.
Transportation		HF 652	Passed the House March 25.

Other Appropriations Bills			
Block Grant and Federal Funds Bill		HF 472	Passed House on March 18.
Animal Biotechnology Commercialization Fund		HF 453	Passed House on March 17.
Enhanced Tobacco Enforcement		SF 375	Passed Senate on March 26.
Property Tax Replacement Supplemental		SF 202	Passed Senate on February 26.

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Fire Fighters License Plates		HF 656	Passed House on March 26.
Non-Medicaid Supplemental Act		SF 36	Signed by the Governor on February 17.
Private Water Supply		HF 429 SF 237	HF 429 passed House Appropriations on March 3. SF 237 passed Ways and Means on March 19.
Breast Cancer Awareness License Plates		SF 127	Signed by the Governor on March 12.
Healthy Iowans Tobacco Trust Fund Bill			Starts in the House.
Salary Bill			Starts in the Senate.
Standings Bill			Starts in the Senate.

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ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL– HF 655 PASSES THE HOUSE

Admin. & Regulation Bill



On March 25, the House passed HF 655 (FY 2004 Administration and Regulation Appropriations Bill). The Bill appropriates \$86.7 million from the General Fund and 1,923.9 FTE positions for FY 2004. This is an increase of \$7.2 million and a decrease of 2.1 FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. Salary adjustment funding of \$1.4 million was provided from non-General Fund sources for FY 2003. Of this salary adjustment total, \$1.3 million has been included in the General Fund appropriations for FY 2004. The Bill also appropriates a total of \$23.7 million in other funds.

Additionally, the Bill provides contingent appropriations for the creation of the proposed Department of Administrative Services. The new Department would be appropriated \$16.8 million from the General Fund and 445.0 FTE positions and would consolidate the Departments of Personnel, General Services, Information Technology, and the accounting functions of the Department of Revenue and Finance, and related revolving funds.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 655 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS BILL– SF 425 PASSES SENATE

Ag/Natural Resources

The Senate passed SF 425 (FY 2004 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill) on March 24. The Bill appropriates \$32.5 million and 1,551.3 FTE positions from the General Fund for FY 2004. This is a General Fund increase of \$594,000 (1.9%) and 4.0 FTE positions (0.3%) compared to

the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. Salary adjustment funding of \$563,000 was provided from non-General Fund sources for FY 2003. Of this salary adjustment total, \$563,000 has been included in the General Fund appropriations for FY 2004.

Dept. of Agriculture

The Bill appropriates \$17.0 million and 472.1 FTE positions to the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. This is an increase of \$280,000 and no change in FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation for:

- An increase of \$249,000 to replace the non-General Fund FY 2003 salary adjustment with a General Fund appropriation. This is a decrease of \$249,000 in other funds for FY 2004 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation for the elimination of one-time salary funding.
- A decrease of \$19,000 for the elimination of the Feed Grain Verification Pilot Program.
- An increase of \$50,000 for the Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program.

Dept. of Natural Resources



The Bill appropriates \$15.5 million and 1,079.1 FTE positions to the Department of Natural Resources. This is an increase of \$314,000 and 4.0 FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation for:

- An increase of \$314,000 to replace the FY 2003 salary adjustment with a General Fund appropriation. This is a decrease of \$314,000 in other funds for FY 2004 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation for the elimination of one-time salary funding.
- An increase of 4.0 FTE positions for the federal Clean Water Act State Revolving Loan Fund. The positions will be paid with federal funds.

Non-General Fund

Other non-General Fund appropriations in the Bill include:

- \$29.3 million to the Department of Natural Resources from the Fish and Game Protection Fund. This is an increase of \$100,000 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation to match federal funds for non-game wildlife research.
- \$1.4 million from the Boat Registration Fees Fund to the Fish and Game Protection Fund. This is no change in funding compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation.
- \$200,000 from the Unassigned Revenue Fund (Underground Storage Tank Fund) to the DNR for administration of underground storage tank activities. This is an increase of \$125,000 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation.

Bill Summary

NOBA

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for SF 425 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL – SF 433 PASSES THE SENATE

Economic Development

Senate File 433 (FY 2004 Economic Development Appropriations Bill) passed the Senate on March 26. The Bill appropriates \$22.3 million and 433.7 FTE positions from the General Fund. This is a General Fund decrease of \$2.7 million (10.6%) and 5.0 FTE positions (0.4%) compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. Salary adjustment funding of \$289,000 was provided from non-General Fund sources for FY 2003. This has been included in the General Fund appropriations for FY 2004. The Bill includes the following:

General Fund

Appropriates \$13.6 million from the General Fund and 154.5 FTE positions to the Department of Economic Development, a decrease of \$2.9 million (17.5%) and an increase of 1.0 (0.7%) FTE position compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation.

Board of Regents

Appropriates \$3.0 million from the General Fund and 67.3 FTE positions to the Board of Regents, an increase of \$139,000 (4.8%) and a decrease of 6.4 (8.7%) FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation.

Workforce Development

Appropriates \$4.8 million from the General Fund and 202.0 FTE positions to the Iowa Workforce Development, an increase of \$33,000 (0.7%) and an increase of 0.4 (0.2%) FTE position compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation.

Public Employment

Appropriates \$869,000 from the General Fund and 10.0 FTE positions to the Public Employment Relations Board, an increase of \$73,000 (9.2%) and no change in FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation.

Bill Summary

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EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL – HF 662 PASSES HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Education Bill

The House Appropriations Committee passed HF 662 (FY 2004 Education Appropriations Bill) on March 26. The Bill appropriates a total of \$893.3 million from the General Fund and 17,252.2 FTE positions to the College Student Aid Commission, the Department for the Blind, the Departments of Cultural Affairs and Education, and the Board of Regents. This is an increase of \$41.9 million and a decrease of 48.9 FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. Salary adjustment funding of \$25.2 million was provided from non-General Fund sources for FY 2003. Of this salary adjustment total, \$333,000 has been included in the General Fund appropriations for FY 2004.

The Committee adopted two amendments to the version of the Bill approved by the Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee. One amendment was technical in nature. The other amendment restored a General Fund

appropriation of \$1.1 million for the Regents Board Office, eliminated a \$300,000 increase in funding for Tuition Grants, and reduced general aid to community colleges by \$1.8 million to the FY 2003 level of funding.

Bill Summary

NOBA

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 662 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS BILL – LSB 1124JA PASSES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

Health & Human Services



The Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee approved the FY 2004 budget recommendation for the Departments of Elder Affairs, Public Health, Human Services, the Commission on Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Home on March 27. The Bill (LSB 1124JA) appropriates \$772.4 million from the General Fund and 6,586.2 FTE positions. This is a decrease of \$11.7 million and an increase of 137.9 FTE positions compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriations.

The Bill appropriates \$161.3 million from the Senior Living Trust Fund to the Departments of Elder Affairs, Human Services, and Inspections and Appeals, an increase of \$75.8 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriations. The Bill appropriates \$15.0 million from the Hospital Trust Fund, an increase of \$3.0 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation. The majority of the increase is for the increased cost of the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

The Bill appropriates \$146.6 million of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) monies, an increase of \$1.5 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation.

All comparisons to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation do not include the pending FY 2003 supplemental appropriation for the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Highlights of the Bill include:

Elder Affairs

Appropriates \$2.7 million from the General Fund to the Department of Elder Affairs, a decrease of \$1.3 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. The change includes:

- A decrease of \$1.0 million, which may be offset by an increase of \$589,000 from the Senior Living Trust Fund and the availability of \$484,000 previously transferred to other departments for assisted living regulation.
- An unspecified decrease of \$300,000.
- An increase of \$37,000 to replace the FY 2003 salary adjustment with a General Fund appropriation. This is a decrease of \$37,000 in other funds for the Department in FY 2004 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation for the elimination of one-time salary funding.

Public Health



Appropriates \$24.1 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health, a decrease of \$372,000 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. The change includes:

- An unspecified decrease totaling \$800,000 for Adult Wellness, Child and Adolescent Wellness, Chronic Conditions, Community Capacity, Infectious Diseases, Public Protection, and Resource Management.
- An increase of \$300,000 for child lead testing.
- A decrease of \$100,000 for communications staff.
- A decrease of \$74,000 for various bonus and supplemental salaries paid in FY 2003.
- An increase of \$100,000 to the University of Iowa for a vision screening program for children ages six months to four years.
- An increase of \$202,000 to replace the FY 2003 salary adjustment with a General Fund appropriation. This is a decrease of \$202,000 in other funds for the Department in FY 2004 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation for the elimination of one-time salary funding.

Human Services

Appropriates \$731.2 million to the Department of Human Services, a decrease of \$10.3 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriations. The change includes:

- An increase of \$1.0 million for the Family Investment Program. This includes \$800,000 for the Statewide Expansion of the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program, which will replace the current food stamp process, and a seven-cent transaction fee to be paid to retailers participating in the EBT Program.
- A decrease of \$300,000 for the Child Support Recoveries Program to reflect previously available funding.
- A decrease of \$19.7 million for the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid). This includes:
 - A decrease of \$15.5 million to shift funding from the Senior Living Trust Fund.
 - A decrease of \$4.3 million due to shifting the cost of hospital crossover claims to Medicare Funding for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.
 - Programmatic changes to adjust expenditures to match the funding of \$357.5 million that will be considered by the General Assembly in separate legislation this Session.
- A decrease of \$300,000 for the Children's Health Insurance Program (Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa [*hawk-i*]) due to expected carry forward funds from FY 2003.
- A decrease of \$1.5 million for the Juvenile Home at Toledo and the Training School at Eldora. The majority of the decrease is due to the expected enactment of HF 568 (FY 2004 Department of Human Services Institutions' Education Bill), which provides for the utilization of the K-12 School Aid Formula for the educational costs of students at the two institutions.



- An increase of \$5.4 million for Child and Family Services. This includes an increase for decategorization efforts, group care, family preservation services, and school-based liaisons.
- An increase of \$640,000 for the four mental health institutes. Major changes include:
 - A decrease of \$544,000 due to expected enactment of utilizing the K-12 School Aid Formula for the educational costs of students at the Mental Health Institute at Independence.
 - An increase of \$850,000 for the Mental Health Institute at Independence for accounting issues.
 - An increase of \$462,000 for the Mental Health Institute at Mount Pleasant to annualize the FY 2003 supplemental appropriation.
- An increase of \$517,000 for the two State Resource Centers. This includes:
 - An increase of \$784,000 for restoration of the FY 2003 salary funding.
 - A decrease of \$267,000 due to a portion of the expected carry forward funds to be utilized in FY 2004.
- A decrease of \$400,000 in the State Cases Program to reflect previously available funding.
- A decrease of \$700,000 for the Sexual Predator Commitment Program due to a carry forward of funds, reduction from one-time moving expenditures, and a stabilization of the number of clients.
- An increase of \$4.9 million for the mental health property tax growth. This was enacted in HF 2623 (FY 2003 Omnibus Budget Act I).
- An increase of \$206,000 for field operations and administration for the Department of Human Services.

Veterans Affairs

Appropriates \$14.5 million for the Commission on Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Home, an increase of \$214,000 compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. The increase includes funds to replace the FY 2003 salary adjustment with a General Fund appropriation and carry forward funds available for expenditure in FY 2004.

More Information

Spreadsheets that compare the changes to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriations and to the FY 2004 Governor's recommendations for the General Fund, Senior Living Trust Fund, and the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) monies are available on the LFB web site at: http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/subcom/human_serv/human_serv.htm.

Bill SummaryA green rectangular box with the text "NOBA" in black, bold, uppercase letters.

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) will be available by April 1 on the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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**JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL – SF 435
 PASSES THE SENATE**

Judicial Bill

Senate File 435 (FY 2004 Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill) passed the Senate on March 27. The Bill appropriates a total of \$115.4 million to the Judicial Branch, an increase of \$4.2 million compared to the FY 2003 estimated net General Fund appropriation. Of this amount, \$113.4 million was appropriated for the Judicial Branch operating budget and \$2.0 million was appropriated for Judicial Retirement. Salary adjustment funding of \$4.0 million was provided from non-General Fund sources for FY 2003. Of this salary adjustment total, \$4.0 million has been included in the General Fund appropriations for FY 2004.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for SF 435 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS
 BILL – HF 652 PASSES THE HOUSE**

Transportation Bill



House File 652 (FY 2004 Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill) was passed by the House on March 25. The Bill appropriates \$267.0 million to the Department of Transportation (DOT), which includes \$43.5 million from the Road Use Tax Fund, \$223.4 million from the Primary Road Fund, and 3,442.0 FTE positions. This is a decrease of \$1.7 million (0.6%) and 16.0 FTE positions (0.5%) compared to the FY 2003 estimated net appropriation. Total appropriations by fund are listed in the following table.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(Dollars in Millions)

	Estimated FY 2003	Proposed Legis. Action FY 2004	Change	Percent Change
Primary Road Fund	\$ 224.8	\$ 223.4	\$ -1.4	-0.6%
Road Use Tax Fund	43.9	43.5	-0.4	-0.9%
Total	\$ 268.7	\$ 267.0	\$ -1.7	-0.6%

* Totals may not add due to rounding.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 652 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES – SF 297 PASSES THE SENATE

Snowmobile/ATV Bill



Senate File 297 (FY 2004 All-Terrain Vehicles Bill) passed the Senate on March 24. The Bill provides several changes to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creates separate funds in the State treasury for snowmobile fees and all-terrain vehicle fees.

- Changes the registration fee for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles from a biennial fee of \$25.00 to an annual fee of \$15.00.
- Increases the writing fee collected by county recorders for issuance of registrations from \$1.00 to \$1.25.
- Allows moneys appropriated to the Department for all-terrain vehicle programs to be used for establishment, maintenance, and operation of all-terrain vehicle riding areas.
- Provides a fine of \$100.00 to nonresidents who do not obtain a user permit.
- Increases fines for the following snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle violations:
 - For certain operating violations, an increase from \$20.00 to \$100.00.
 - For defective equipment and identification violations, an increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00.
 - For vehicle rental violations, an increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of SF 297 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated net fiscal impact of SF 297 is as follows:

- A net decrease of \$39,000 in revenues for the All-Terrain Vehicle Fund and the Snowmobile Fund for FY 2004.
- An increase of \$385,000 in revenues for the All-Terrain Vehicle Fund and the Snowmobile Fund for FY 2005.

Additional moneys associated with increases in safety fees, non-operator fees, and fines are expected to be minimal.

Counties' General Fund

Additional moneys associated with increases in writing fees, and moneys collected from nonresident writing fees are expected to be minimal.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for SF 297 can be obtained by visiting the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT BILL – SF 375 PASSES SENATE

Tobacco Bill

Senate File 375 (FY 2004 Enhanced Tobacco Enforcement Bill) passed the Senate on March 26. The Bill requires tobacco product manufacturers that sell cigarettes in Iowa to annually certify to the Department of Revenue and Finance and the Attorney General that the manufacturer is either a participating member of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement or that the manufacturer is in full compliance of Chapter 453C, Code of Iowa. The Bill regulates tobacco product manufacturers that do not participate in the Master Settlement Agreement in Iowa in the same manner as manufacturers that are participants in the Master Settlement Agreement.

The Bill requires the Department of Revenue and Finance to develop and publish on the Department's web site a directory listing all tobacco product manufacturers that have submitted accurate certification information confirming compliance with Chapter 453C, Code of Iowa. The Bill requires the Department to develop and publish the directory no later than 90 days after the effective date of the Bill.

Fiscal Impact

The Bill appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund for FY 2004 and establishes a standing appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Fund beginning in FY 2005 to the Department of Revenue and Finance for enforcement of the Bill.

The Bill also appropriates \$646,000 from the Restricted Capital Fund for FY 2003 to the Office of the Treasurer of State to fully fund the FY 2003 attorney litigation fees as required under the Master Settlement Agreement.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for SF 375 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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FIRE FIGHTER LICENSE PLATES BILL – HF 656 PASSES THE HOUSE

Fire Fighter Plate

House File 656 (FY 2004 Fire Fighter License Plates Bill) was passed by the House on March 26. The Bill provides the following:

- Creates a Paul Ryan Memorial Fire Fighter Safety Training Fund in the State Treasury under the control of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Fees charged for the issuance of special fire fighter license plates will be transferred from the State Treasurer to the Paul Ryan Memorial Fund. The funds will be used by the Fire Service Training Bureau to offset costs for fire fighter training.
- Specifies that the special plates fees will not revert to the General Fund.
- Specifies that retired fire fighters, as well as current fire fighters, are eligible to receive the special plates.



Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 656 is an increase in revenue of \$28,000 annually to the Paul Ryan Memorial Fire Fighter Safety Training Fund, and a decrease in revenue of \$28,000 annually to the Road Use Tax Fund.

Bill Summary

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 656 can be found on the LFB web site: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/noba/index.jsp>.

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ENTERPRISE ZONES BILL – HF 576 PASSES THE HOUSE

Enterprise Zones Bill

House File 576 (FY 2004 Enterprise Zones Bill) passed the House on March 27. The Bill amends the Enterprise Zones Program allowing for the following significant changes:

- Current zone boundaries may be amended provided the area being incorporated in the zone meets all the criteria on its own.

- An existing zone or portion of a zone that is unutilized may be decertified to make room under the 1.0% cap for a subsequent zone, provided that decertifying the portion of the zone does not invalidate the remaining portion of the zone. Amending a zone will have no impact on the original expiration date of the zone.
- The July 1, 2003, sunset date for counties that qualified under the 1990 census distress criteria is extended to December 1, 2003, to allow counties to make the changes to the zones.
- A lease will no longer be required for a development business to apply for benefits. However, the lease would still be required in order to receive benefits.
- The Bill provides the Department of Economic Development with some recourse when a business that has been approved for tax incentives and assistance experiences a layoff or closes a facility within Iowa.
- Program eligibility requirements are amended to allow for greater participation of certain Development Business Projects in the Enterprise Zones Program.

Fiscal Impact

House File 576 would reduce General Fund revenues by approximately \$280,000 annually starting in FY 2004 and would reduce General Fund revenues by \$4.0 million over a period of five to ten years starting in FY 2006.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 576 can be obtained by visiting the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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NOTIFICATION TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT – HF 400 PASSES THE HOUSE

Notification Bill

House File 400 (FY 2004 Notification to Local Law Enforcement Bill) passed the House on March 25. The Bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments to notify local law enforcement and the Department of Transportation (DOT) of offenders placed on probation or parole. The notification must include conditions of supervision relating to searches of the offender or the offender's property.

Correctional Impact

To the extent that offenders are found to be in violation of their parole, work release, or probation agreement due to evidence discovered during a search under this Bill, there will be a correctional impact. However, that impact cannot be determined.

Fiscal Impact

House File 400 is anticipated to cost approximately \$79,000 in FY 2004 and \$13,000 in FY 2005 for additional computer programming costs for the DOC, DOT, and the Department of Public Safety.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 400 can be obtained by visiting the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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FALSE USE OF CREDIT CARDS – HF 504 PASSES THE SENATE

Credit Card Fraud



House File 504 (FY 2004 False Use of Credit Cards Bill) passed the Senate on March 25. The Bill relates to the criminal offense of fraudulent use of a credit card. The Bill sets the limits on the value of property illegally obtained. House File 504 permits separate acts to be combined into one scheme, if one person, or multiple people at different locations, commits the illegal acts. The Bill also creates a new crime, illegal possession of a scanning device or reencoder. House File 504 enhances existing penalties for credit card fraud and creates a graduated system of penalties for illegal use of a scanning device or reencoder.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of creating a new crime cannot be estimated due to a lack of data.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 504 to the General Fund is expected to be minimal.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 504 can be obtained by visiting the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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UNAUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACCESS – HF 404 PASSES THE HOUSE

Computer Access

The House passed HF 404 (FY 2004 Unauthorized Computer Access Bill) on March 24. The Bill amends Section 716.6B, Code of Iowa, to add the offense of unauthorized access to the computerized, operational, or support data of a rural water district or municipal utility as an aggravated misdemeanor.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of HF 404 cannot be determined. However, the State's cost for one aggravated misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$76 to \$4,600.

More Information

The Fiscal Note for HF 404 can be found on the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>

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INVASION OF PRIVACY – HF 561 PASSES THE HOUSE

Invasion of Privacy

The House passed HF 561 (FY 2004 Invasion of Privacy) on March 24. The Bill creates a new crime, invasion of privacy. House File 561 defines invasion of privacy as limited to certain circumstances. The Bill imposes a serious misdemeanor penalty on offenders convicted of this new offense.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of creating a new crime, invasion of privacy, cannot be determined due to insufficient information.

Fiscal Impact Due to insufficient information, the fiscal impact of creating a new offense under HF 561 cannot be determined. However, the State's cost for one serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$800 to \$3,800.

More Information The Fiscal Note for HF 561 can be found on the LFB web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/fiscalnotes/index.jsp>.

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GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Oversight Meeting The House Government Oversight Committee met on March 25 and discussed and passed House File 660 (FY 2004 Common State Services Regional Boundaries Bill).

The Senate Government Oversight Committee met on March 26 and discussed, amended, and passed House File 534 (FY 2004 Department of Administrative Services Bill).

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SENIOR LIVING COORDINATING UNIT HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

Senior Living Meeting The Senior Living Coordinating Unit met on March 21 and conducted the following business:

- Mark Haverland, Department of Elder Affairs, provided an update on assisted living and the proposed legislation for the industry. In addition, Mr. Haverland noted the need for a long-range strategic plan for long-term care in Iowa that the Department hopes to develop in cooperation with other partners in the future. Mr. Haverland distributed a Statewide Unmet Service Needs Report for January 2003 and a client service unit report for the Senior Living Program for the period of October 2000 – January 2003.
- Rose Boccella, Department of Human Services (DHS), provided an update on the assisted living conversion grants awarded with funding from the Senior Living Trust Fund. Grants are awarded to recipients after projects are completed. To date, 10 projects have been completed and 17 projects are in the construction process. Ms. Boccella indicated that grant recipients enter into a 10-year contract with the DHS and have agreed that 40.0% of the clients that will be served by the new projects will be eligible for Medicaid and that the DHS plans to monitor this.

Ms. Boccella provided information on the Assisted Living Rent Subsidy Program that is funded with funds from the Senior Living Trust Fund (\$700,000) and the General Fund (\$25,000). For April 2003, the DHS estimates the Program will serve 170 clients who will receive an average rent subsidy payment of \$138, totaling an estimated \$23,520.

- Steve Young, Department of Inspections and Appeals, reported that the final draft of the Senior Living Coordinating Unit's 2002 Annual Report would be distributed to voting members in the next week for final approval.

Next Meeting

The next Senior Living Coordinating unit meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2003.

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