DIVISION I

IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Section 1. Section 16.2D, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. A council on homelessness is created consisting of ~~thirty-eight voting~~ nineteen members. ~~At all times, at least one voting member shall be a member of a minority group.~~

Sec. 2. Section 16.2D, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

 2.  Members of the council shall consist of all of the following:

 *a.*  ~~Twenty-six~~ Eleven voting members of the general public appointed to two-year staggered terms by the governor in consultation with the nominating committee under subsection 4, paragraph *“a”*.

 (1)  Voting members from the general public may include but are not limited to the following types of individuals and representatives of the following programs:  homeless or formerly homeless individuals and their family members, youth shelters, faith-based organizations, local homeless service providers, emergency shelters, transitional housing providers, family and domestic violence shelters, private business, local government, and community-based organizations.

(2)  ~~Five~~ Two of the ~~twenty-six~~ eleven voting members selected from the general public shall be individuals who are homeless, formerly homeless, or family members of homeless or formerly homeles individuals.

~~(3)  One of the twenty-six members selected from the general public shall be a representative of the Iowa state association of counties.~~

~~(4)  One of the twenty-six members selected from the general public shall be a representative of the Iowa league of cities.~~

Sec. 3. Section 16.2D, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2021, is amended by striking the paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

*b.*  Eight non-voting agency director members consisting of all of the following:

1. The director of the department of education or the director’s designee.
2. The director of human services or the director’s designee.
3. The attorney general or the attorney general’s designee.
4. The director of public health or the director’s designee.
5. The director of the department on aging or the director’s designee.
6. The director of the department of corrections or the director’s designee.
7. The director of the department of workforce development or the director’s designee.
8. The executive director of the Iowa finance authority or the executive director’s designee.

Sec. 4. Section 16.2D, subsection 3, Code 2021 is amended by striking the subsection and re-numbering the following subsections.

Sec. 5. Section 16.2D, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4.  *a.*  ~~A nominating committee initially comprised of all twelve agency director members shall nominate persons to the governor to fill the general public member positions. Following appointment of all twenty-six general public members, the composition of the nominating committee may be modified by rule.~~ The council shall annually elect five members to the nominating committee, at least two of whom shall be agency director members and at least two of whom shall be general public members. The nominating committee shall nominate persons to the governor to fill the general public member positions when they become open.

Sec. 6. Section 16.2D, subsection 6, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

6.  *a.*  ~~A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the council must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its membership.~~ Seven voting members of the council constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum is necessary for any action taken by the council. The majority shall not include any member who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose.

*b.*  The council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson ~~from the membership of the council~~ annually and other officers as they determine. ~~The chairperson and vice chairperson shall each serve two-year terms. The positions of chairperson and vice chairperson shall not both be held by either general public members or agency director members. The positions of chairperson and vice chairperson shall rotate between agency director members and general public members.~~

*c.*  The council shall meet at least six times per year. Meetings of the council may be called by the chairperson or by a majority of the members.

*d.*  General public members shall be reimbursed by the authority for actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in their official duties.

Sec.7. Section 16.2D, subsection 8, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

8.  The duties of the council shall include but are not limited to the following:

*a.*  Develop a process for evaluating state policies, programs, statutes, and rules to determine whether any state policies, programs, statutes, or rules should be revised to help prevent and alleviate homelessness.

*b.*  Evaluate whether state agency resources could be more efficiently coordinated with other state agencies to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

*c.*  Work to develop a coordinated and seamless service delivery system to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

*~~d.~~*~~Use existing resources to identify and prioritize efforts to prevent persons from becoming homeless and to eliminate factors that keep people homeless.~~

*~~e.~~*~~Identify and use federal and other funding opportunities to address and reduce homelessness within the state.~~

*~~f~~d.*  Work to identify causes and effects of homelessness and increase awareness among policymakers and the general public.

*~~g~~e.*  Advise the governor’s office, the authority, state agencies, and private organizations on strategies to prevent and eliminate homelessness.

Sec. 8. Section 16.2D, subsection 9, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

9.  *~~a.~~*~~The council shall make annual recommendations to the governor regarding matters which impact homelessness on or before September 15.~~

*~~b.~~*  The council shall ~~prepare and~~ file with the governor and the general assembly on or before the first day of December in each ~~odd-numbered~~ year, a point in time report on homelessness in Iowa.

*~~c.~~*~~The council shall assist in the completion of the state’s continuum of care application to the United States department of housing and urban development.~~

Sec 9. TRANSITION — APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS. The terms of all members who are appointed to the council pursuant to section 16.2D, subsection 2, paragraph a shall end on June 30, 2022. A nominating committee initially comprised of all eight agency director members shall nominate persons to the governor to fill the general public member positions. In the interest of maintaining the institutional knowledge possessed by members of the council, it is the intent of the general assembly that the governor should re-appoint at least eight members of the council who were seated as of June 30, 2022 to the council for terms beginning on July 1, 2022. The initial members shall be appointed by September 1, 2022. Notwithstanding section 16.2D, subsection 2, paragraph “a”, five members shall be appointed to a term ending on June 30, 2023 and six members shall be appointed to a term ending on June 30, 2024. For a term beginning on July 1, 2024, or after, all members shall be appointed to a two-year term.