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- 33 administrative law judges utilized for purposes of unemployment
- 34 security, the civil rights commission, the department of
- 35 education, special education, and board of educational
- 1 examiners shall be administrative law judges employed by the
- 2 division of administrative hearings of DIAL under Code chapter 3 10A.
- 4 CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION. The division provides that the
- 5 Iowa state civil rights commission shall be created within
- 6 DIAL.
- 7 CONFORMING CHANGES. The division amends the Code as
- 8 necessary to conform to the changes provided in the division
- 9 relative to changing the name and duties of the renamed DIAL.
- 10 DIVISION IV DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. This division of
- 11 the bill relates to the department of justice. The bill
- 12 eliminates the position of general counsel of the department
- 13 of transportation and directs the attorney general to provide
- 14 legal services for the department of transportation. The bill
- 15 strikes a provision making certain employees of the department
- 16 of justice and administrative law judges appointed or employed
- 17 by the public employment relations board subject to the merit
- 18 system.
- 19 The bill allows the attorney general to prosecute a criminal
- 20 proceeding without first receiving a request from a county
- 21 attorney to act as a county attorney. The bill requires the
- 22 attorney general to submit a report by January 15 of each year
- 23 detailing all money settlement awards and court money awards
- 24 that were awarded to the state of Iowa in the previous year.
- 25 The bill changes the title of the first assistant attorney
- 26 general to "chief deputy attorney general". The bill repeals
- 27 Code sections allowing the attorney general to appoint
- 28 assistant attorneys general to perform and supervise the legal
- 29 work of the department of revenue and the division of child
- 30 and family services of the department of human services. The
- 31 bill allows the attorney general to charge state governmental
- 32 entities for the cost of performing legal services and to

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- 33 require state governmental entities to provide office space for
- 34 an assistant attorney general or other staff providing legal
- 35 services exclusively for that entity. The bill changes the
- 1 circumstances under which an entity of the state may employ
- 2 private legal counsel.
- 3 The bill grants the attorney general exclusive jurisdiction
- 4 to prosecute election-related crimes.
- 5 The bill exempts all employees of the department of justice
- 6 from Code chapter 20 (public employment relations (collective
- 7 bargaining)). Currently, nonsupervisory employees of the
- 8 consumer advocate division who are employed primarily for the
- 9 purpose of performing technical analysis of nonlegal issues are 10 not exempt.
- 11 The bill eliminates the position of special assistant
- 12 attorney general for claims and transfers the duties of the
- 13 position to the attorney general.
- 14 The bill strikes a provision requiring the department of
- 15 public safety to employ an assistant attorney general.
- 16 The bill changes certain provisions for the appointment
- 17 and removal of the consumer advocate by the attorney general,
- 18 including by striking a requirement that the consumer advocate
- 19 be an attorney. The bill also provides that the attorney
- 20 general, and not the consumer advocate, may employ attorneys
- 21 and other employees necessary to discharge the duties of the
- 22 consumer advocate division.
- 23 The division takes effect upon enactment.
- 24 DIVISION V ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. This division
- 25 of the bill concerns the duties and responsibilities of
- 26 the economic development authority and the director of the
- 27 authority.
- 28 CULTURAL AFFAIRS. This division of the bill transfers
- 29 the responsibilities of the department of cultural affairs,
- 30 including the arts division and the film office, to the
- 31 economic development authority (authority). The division
- 32 eliminates the department of cultural affairs and all related