

# Governor Signs Bill to Reorganize State Government

Governor Culver signed one of the largest government reorganization initiatives in state history aimed at saving taxpayers over \$265 million. It will also initiate efficiencies in the delivery of services by state government to Iowans.

The bill, Senate File 2088, contains over 50 different ideas, both large and small. It eliminates 14 different boards and commissions, reduces energy costs, combines state purchasing, cuts down on middle management to keep front line workers in their jobs, and consolidates information technology.

This bill is one of three actions being taken this year to realign state government. It is estimated that these three actions, including passage of this legislation, offering state employees the opportunity to retire early, and the Governor's executive order will save \$265 million for Iowa taxpayers.

An in depth look at state government was last conducted 25 years ago. To ensure that a review is done on a regular basis, Senate File 2088 requires that a committee be appointed every two years to review state government operations and programs, and bring recommendations to the General Assembly.