54.266 Duties of department; expediting county's plan; payment or reimbursement of costs; interaction with commission.

Sec. 6. (1) The department shall do all of the following:
   (a) Coordinate the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the land survey records and monuments of the public land survey system in this state, including, but not limited to, all pertinent field notes, plats, documents, and monuments.
   (b) Establish a policy to maintain and provide safe storage of records required to be filed with the department under this act.
   (c) Coordinate memoranda of understanding with other state, federal, and local agencies to promote the activities necessary, incidental, or appropriate to promote this act.
   (d) Foster, encourage, and promote county plans for each county in this state and, after submission of county plans, review the plans for approval.
   (e) Coordinate and administer a grant program for grants to counties to implement this act.
   (f) By October 1 in each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the legislature and each county board of commissioners. The report must include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
      (i) A summary of the department's activities regarding administration of this act.
      (ii) An assessment of the progress of the implementation of county monumentation and remonumentation plans throughout this state.
      (iii) A statement regarding the amount of money that was received and disbursed from the fund.
      (iv) An assessment of how much money is necessary to carry out the county plans in this state.
      (v) An assessment of whether the money received in the fund is adequate to implement this act.
      (vi) Recommendations including, but not limited to, the level of funding that is necessary to implement this act.
      (vii) A statement of the amount of money disbursed from the fund to each grantee, the average amount of money spent per corner by each grantee, and the percentage of work in its county plan completed by each grantee.
   (2) If a county elects to expedite the county's plan as provided in section 8, the department shall enter into a contract described in section 8(4) to pay or reimburse the costs of expediting the plan. The amount expended or borrowed for expediting the county's plan shall be paid from the fund as provided in section 12(2).
   (3) In performing its duties under this act, if the department is required to interact in any way with the commission and if the initial members of the commission have not been appointed and their appointment consented to by the senate under section 3 as amended by the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department may proceed with its duties under this act without the required interaction until the initial members are appointed and their appointment consented to.