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## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the reorganization of various boards, commissions, departments, and agencies of state government, creating the Iowa governmental reorganization commission, and making an appropriation therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. There is hereby created a commission consisting  
2 of ten (10) members to be known as the Iowa governmental re-  
3 organization commission. The speaker of the house shall  
4 appoint five (5) members thereof from the members of the house  
5 of representatives of which no more than three (3) shall be  
6 from the same political party. The lieutenant governor shall  
7 appoint five (5) members thereof from the members of the senate  
8 of which no more than three (3) shall be from the same polit-  
9 ical party.

1 Sec. 2. The commission shall meet as soon as practical  
2 after the effective date of this Act, organize, adopt rules,  
3 and choose a chairman from its membership. Six (6) members  
4 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.  
5 The commission thereafter shall meet upon the call of the  
6 chairman or upon written request filed with the secretary of  
7 state and signed by at least six (6) members thereof.

1 Sec. 3. The commission shall study the organization, duties,  
2 responsibilities, powers, and functions of the present boards,  
3 commissions, departments, and agencies of state government,  
4 except those boards, commissions, departments, and agencies  
5 consolidated and reorganized in a bill passed by either house

6 of the Sixty-second (62nd) General Assembly; provided, how-  
7 ever, further consolidation and reorganization of all licens-  
8 ing boards, commissions, and agencies may be studied and  
9 further action taken in respect thereto.

1     Sec. 4. The commission may, by a majority vote, employ  
2 such professional persons and other personnel as the commis-  
3 sion determines is necessary. The attorney general and  
4 legislative research bureau shall furnish the commission  
5 whatever professional personnel and other personnel it may  
6 request, if such is feasible within their respective budgets.  
7 All other boards, commissions, departments, and agencies of  
8 state government or any official or employee thereof shall,  
9 upon request, appear before and give oral testimony or fur-  
10 nish to the commission such information it desires. The  
11 commission shall also consider all of the reports, studies,  
12 and recommendations of other public and private organiza-  
13 tions heretofore made relative to reorganization of the Iowa  
14 state government.

1     Sec. 5. The commission shall adopt, by a majority vote  
2 of at least seven (7) members thereof, a report of how the  
3 various remaining boards, commissions, departments, and  
4 agencies of state government shall be consolidated and re-  
5 organized to pinpoint executive responsibility, eliminate  
6 duplication, promote efficiency, and group similar functions,  
7 duties, and powers of state government into single depart-  
8 ments. In any such reorganization and consolidation, the  
9 commission shall provide for the transfer of the existing  
10 duties, responsibilities, powers, and functions, only, of the  
11 affected boards, commissions, departments, and agencies.  
12 The commission may redesignate or rename any such reorganized  
13 and consolidated boards, commissions, departments, and agen-  
14 cies and the duties, responsibilities, powers, and functions  
15 of any of the officials or employees thereof. The commission  
16 shall further prepare, in proper form, separate bills to

17 effect such reorganization and consolidations into single  
18 departments of the various boards, commissions, departments  
19 and agencies and the transfer of duties, responsibilities,  
20 powers, and functions thereof, affected hereunder.

1       Sec. 6. The report of the commission and all bills re-  
2 lating thereto shall, within thirty (30) days after the con-  
3 vening of the next regular session of the General Assembly,  
4 be filed with the chief clerk of the house of representa-  
5 tives and the secretary of the senate. Such report and bills  
6 shall not be valid unless they are signed by at least seven  
7 (7) of the members of the commission. The commission created  
8 hereby shall then cease to exist. The report and all such  
9 bills shall be printed in the journal of each house of the  
10 general assembly. Such reorganization, consolidations, and  
11 transfers shall take effect July 1, following the adjourn-  
12 ment of such session, with such changes, if any, as may be  
13 enacted at such session; and thereafter all laws in conflict  
14 therewith shall be of no further force or effect. At adjourn-  
15 ment of the General Assembly where such report and bills have  
16 been filed, an enrolled copy thereof, together with any  
17 changes, shall be made in substantially the same manner as  
18 Acts are enrolled. The enrolled copy shall be certified as  
19 to whether or not any action was taken by the General Assem-  
20 bly and, if any, what action, and thereupon it shall be  
21 filed with the secretary of state and bound with the Acts  
22 of the General Assembly.

1       Sec. 7. The commission shall also review the reorganization  
2 bills enacted into law by the Sixty-second (62nd) General  
3 Assembly and the Iowa merit system law and prepare the neces-  
4 sary bills to correct any language in the Code and laws of  
5 the state of Iowa in conflict with such newly enacted laws.

1       Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general  
2 fund of the state to the Iowa governmental reorganization  
3 commission the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars to

4 accomplish the purpose of this Act. Any part of this appro-  
5 priation not so used shall revert to the general fund.