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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a legislative project review commission to review
2 interim study proposals submitted by members of the general
3 assembly with the studies to be conducted by members of the
4 general assembly.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. LEGISLATIVE PROJECT REVIEW
2 COMMISSION.

3 1. There is created a legislative project review
4 commission which shall have seven members. One member shall
5 be appointed by the state board of regents, one member shall
6 be appointed by the state board of education, and two members
7 shall be appointed by the Iowa association of independent
8 colleges and universities. The remaining three members shall
9 be appointed by the four public members. The three members
10 shall be selected from the faculties of the public and private
11 institutions of higher education in this state.

12 2. The terms of the members of the commission shall be for
13 a term of two years beginning on July 1 and ending June 30. A
14 vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner
15 as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.
16 The membership of the commission shall have gender balance.

17 3. Members of the general assembly may submit a proposal
18 to the commission proposing issues for independent studies
19 during the interim. A proposal submitted to the commission
20 shall specify the issue which will be studied, the time
21 necessary to conduct the study, the general approach which
22 will be applied in conducting the study, and the goals to be
23 achieved by the study. The member of the general assembly
24 shall also submit a proposed budget for the study, including
25 the amount of compensation requested by the member of the
26 general assembly for conducting the study.

27 4. Members of the general assembly shall submit proposals
28 to the commission not later than February 1 of each year. The
29 commission shall review all requests for studies and submit
30 its recommendations for studies to the legislative council not
31 later than April 1 of each year. The commission may recommend
32 changes in the structure of the proposed study and the funding
33 for the study. The commission shall also develop standards to
34 measure the quality of work to be done and specify completion
35 dates for specific projects.

1 5. The commission may amend the proposal and upon its
2 approval by the commission, it shall be referred to the
3 legislative council for its approval. If the commission
4 approves the study proposal, the study proposal must be
5 approved by the legislative council before the commission may
6 authorize the study.

7 6. All studies approved by the commission and the
8 legislative council shall be monitored by the commission and
9 the commission may request progress reports relating to the
10 study.

11 7. Expenses of members of the commission, the costs of
12 conducting the studies, and compensation and expenses of
13 members of the general assembly shall be paid by the
14 legislative council from funds available to the legislative
15 council under sections 2.10 and 2.12.

16 8. The commission may accept gifts, grants, or other
17 assistance from individuals or corporations or other govern-
18 mental bodies.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The bill establishes a legislative project review
21 commission composed of seven members to review study proposals
22 which members of the general assembly wish to undertake. The
23 study will be conducted by the members of the general
24 assembly, subject to monitoring by the board. Members of the
25 general assembly conducting the study shall receive
26 compensation for conducting the study. The legislative
27 council must approve the study upon an affirmative
28 recommendation from the commission and pay the costs of the
29 study from funds available to the legislative council under
30 sections 2.10 and 2.12 of the Code.

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