

## Budget Unit: Education Council and Task Force Support

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### Overview

Iowa Acts, [chapter 121 \(House File 215\)](#) - Education Reform Appropriations Act, enacted during the 2013 Legislative Session created an [Assessment Task Force](#), a [Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation](#), and a [Council on Educator Development](#).

### Assessment Task Force

[House File 215](#) requires the Director of the Department of Education (DE) to establish an [Assessment Task Force](#) to review and make recommendations for a statewide assessment of student progress. The assessment must be aligned to the [Iowa Core](#) and be valid, reliable, tested, and piloted in Iowa. Task Force members must include teachers, school administrators, business leaders, representatives of State agencies, and members of the general public. The Task Force is required to submit recommendations to the DE Director, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly by January 1, 2015.

### Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation

[House File 215](#) requires the DE to establish and provide staffing and support for the [Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation](#). The Commission monitors and implements the Teacher Leadership and Compensation System established in [HF 215](#). Review of the use and effectiveness of [State supplemental assistance for high-need schools](#), established in [HF 215](#) is also a requirement of the Commission. Nineteen voting members make up the Commission. These include: five teachers selected by the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) and two selected by the DE Director, three school administrators selected by the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI), two school board members selected by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), a representative of the Area Education Agencies (AEAs), a parent of a public school student, a business leader, a person representing the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), the Director (or designee) of the ISEA, the Director (or designee) of SAI, and the Director (or designee) of the IASB. Members serve staggered three-year terms. The Commission is required to submit an [annual report](#), by December 15, with any findings and recommendations to the DE Director, the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

### Council on Educator Development

[House File 215](#) establishes a [Council on Educator Development](#) to study and recommend a statewide teacher evaluation system, teacher performance review requirements, and a statewide administrator evaluation system. The goal of the study to determine the efficacy of the current systems in providing practitioners with clear and actionable feedback to enhance their practice and advance student learning. The Council is required to receive input from teachers, administrators, and evaluators regarding educators' personal experiences with evaluations. The Council is required to be comprised of at least 17 voting members and four nonvoting members of the General Assembly. A preliminary draft of the Council's recommendations is to be distributed to teachers, administrators, and school board members throughout the State by October 1, 2015. The Council is required to submit its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, Governor, and the General Assembly by November 15, 2016.

### Funding

The DE received an appropriation of \$50,000 for in [SF 2347](#) (FY 2015 Education Appropriations Act) to provide support for the [Assessment Task Force](#), [Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation](#), and the [Council on Educator Development](#). The [Council on Educator Development](#) received a \$100,000 allocation in FY 2014 from the [Education Reform](#) appropriation in Iowa Acts, [chapter 141 \(HF 604\)](#) - FY 2014 Education Appropriations).

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

2013 Iowa Acts, [chapter 121](#)

[Assessment Task Force](#) - Iowa Code chapter [256.7 \(21\) \(b\) \(3\)](#)

[Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation](#) - Iowa Code chapter [284.5 \(12\)](#)

[Council on Educator Development](#) - Iowa Code chapter [256.29](#)

State supplemental assistance for high-need schools - Iowa Code chapter [284.11](#)

Iowa Administrative Code: [281 IAC](#)

### More Information

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