

Members of the Education School Finance Interim and Interested Parties:

As part of the Legislature's State Government Reorganization process, we are asking members of the Education Appropriations subcommittee to submit ideas for making state government more efficient and effective. During these trying budget times, we need to look critically at the organization of state government so that we can deliver the services that people and businesses throughout the state depend on from these agencies.

Specifically, we would like suggestions to focus on the departments under our subcommittee's jurisdiction: the Department of Education (State Library, Voc-Rehab, Community Colleges), Board of Educational Examiners, Empowerment (DOM), Iowa Student Aid Commission, Department for the Blind, Board of Regents and other higher education entities/programs. Robin Madison, the fiscal analyst for our subcommittee, will collect these ideas. Please send your suggestions to her by October 15th. Her e-mail is robin.madison@legis.state.ia.us. These ideas will then be forwarded on to the Legislature's Reorganization Committee for further investigation.

To further help this process, we would also encourage you to ask your constituents to offer their suggestions for reorganizing state government. They can share their ideas by visiting a web site set up by the Reorganization committee. The website can be found at http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/SurveyForm/Improving_StGvt/. Your constituent's identity will remain secret.

Sincerely,

Brian Schoenjahn, State Senator

Cindy Winckler, State Representative