

REPORT OF THE STUDIES COMMITTEE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 12, 2024

The Studies Committee of the Legislative Council met on November 12, 2024, and makes the following report for approval by the Legislative Council:

2024 Studies. That the attached proposal for studies for the 2024 Interim be adopted by the Legislative Council.

Members of the Area Education Agency Task Force. The attached proposed members of the Area Education Agency Task Force are submitted to Legislative Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jack Whitver

Chairperson

2024 Legislative Interim Studies

A. Statutory Committee

1. **School Finance Formula Review Committee** (Iowa Code §257.1(4)) **Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every five years to prepare a school finance formula status report and provide recommendations in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code §257.1(4), including receiving assistance from the departments of Education, Management, and Revenue; providing recommendations for school finance formula changes or revisions based upon demographic changes, enrollment trends, and property tax valuation fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; providing an analysis of the operation of the school finance formula during the preceding five year interval; and incorporating a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for their resolution.

Members: 5 Senate/5 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

2. **Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Review Committee** (Iowa Code §452A.3(1)(c)) **Charge:** The committee is a permanent legislative committee required to meet at least every five years to review fuel distribution percentage formulas and make recommendations with the assistance of the Department of Revenue and the Department of Transportation. The committee shall formulate recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues.

Members: 3 Senate/3 House

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

B. Other Statutory Committees

1. **Area Education Agency-Task Force** (2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2612, § 16) **Charge:** The committee is required to study and make recommendations related to how to improve outcomes of students who utilize services provided by area education agencies. The committee is also required to study and make recommendations related to the amount of compensation paid to administrators employed by area education agencies, how to best fund core and related services, and to study and make recommendations to other matters involving area education agencies. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024.

Members: 11 public members

3 Senate/3 House ex officio nonvoting members

Meeting Days: As approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Council.

Members of the Area Education Agency Task Force Submitted to Legislative Council

Morgan Miller- Large School Special Education Teacher

Robin Maas- Small School Special Education Teacher

Corey Seymour- Large School Superintendent

Adam Magliari- Small School Superintendent

Patricia Hunt- Non Special Education Teacher

Pam Gronau- Parent of student who has an individualized education program

Andrea Carlson- Parent of student with a plan under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act

Josh Bauer- President/CEO of nonpublic school