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# A BILL FOR

An Act directing the governor to examine the organization of all executive agencies of state government, to prepare plans and legislative proposal for the reorganization of such executive agencies, and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

1 Section 1. It is hereby designated to be the intent of this  
2 Act that the public interest demands that the governor examine and  
3 study the organization of all executive agencies of state govern-  
4 ment prior to January 1, 1967 and report the findings of the exam-  
5 ination and study to the general assembly upon convening of the  
6 Sixty-second General Assembly.

1 Sec. 2. For the purpose of this Act:

2 1. "Agency" means any executive department, commission, inde-  
3 pendent establishment, corporation wholly or partly owned by the  
4 state of Iowa, board, bureau, division, service, office, officer,  
5 authority, administration, or other establishment in the executive  
6 branch of the state government.

7 2. "Reorganization" means any transfer, consolidation, coordina-  
8 tion, abolition, change or designation of name or title, dispo-  
9 sition, termination of affairs, or provision for the appointment  
10 and compensation of the chief administrative officer or officers  
11 and assistants of any agency.

1 Sec. 3. The governor is hereby directed to examine and study  
2 the organization of all executive agencies of the state government

3 and determine what changes are necessary to accomplish the follow-  
4 ing purposes:

5 1. To reduce expenditures and promote economy to the fullest  
6 extent consistent with the efficient operation of the state govern-  
7 ment.

8 2. To increase the efficiency of the operations of the state  
9 government to the fullest extent practicable.

10 3. To group, coordinate, and consolidate agencies and functions  
11 of the state government as nearly as may be according to major  
12 purposes.

13 4. To reduce the number of agencies by consolidating those  
14 having similar functions and to abolish such agencies or functions  
15 thereof as may not be necessary for the efficient conduct of the  
16 state government.

17 5. To eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort in the  
18 agencies of the state government.

1 Sec. 4. The governor, after examination and study, shall deter-  
2 mine what reorganization of agencies of the state government is  
3 necessary, shall prepare a plan of reorganization, and shall trans-  
4 mit the plan to the general assembly. The plan shall be accompanied  
5 by proposed legislation to accomplish the recommendations of the  
6 plan. The plan shall include when the findings so determine:

7 1. The transfer of the whole or any part of any agency or  
8 of the whole or any part of the functions thereof to the jurisdic-  
9 tion and control of any other agency.

10 2. The abolition of all or any part of the functions of any  
11 agency.

12 3. The consolidation or coordination of the whole or any part

13 of any agency or of the whole or any part of the function thereof  
14 with the whole or any part of any other agency or the functions  
15 thereof.

16 4. The consolidation or coordination of any part of any agency  
17 or the functions thereof with any part of the same agency  
18 or the functions thereof.

19 5. The abolition of the whole or any part of any agency which  
20 agency or part does not have or upon the taking effect of the  
21 reorganizations specified in the reorganization plan will not have  
22 any functions.

1 Sec. 5. The reorganization plan transmitted by the governor:

2 1. Shall change, when deemed necessary, the name of any agency  
3 affected by reorganization and the title of the chief administra-  
4 tive officer or officers of the agency and shall designate the  
5 name of any agency and the title of the officer or officers result-  
6 ing from the suggested reorganization.

7 2. Shall include provisions for the appointment and compensation  
8 of the chief administrative officer or officers and one (1) or  
9 more assistants of any agency. The chief administrator of any  
10 agency may be a single individual or may be a commission of such  
11 size determined by the governor. The governor shall determine the  
12 term of office and the method of appointment of each chief adminis-  
13 trator.

14 3. Shall make provision for the transfer or other disposition  
15 of the records, property, and personnel affected by any reorgan-  
16 ization.

17 4. Shall make provisions for the transfer of such unexpended  
18 balances of appropriations available, when deemed necessary, for

19 use in connection with any function or agency transferred, con-  
20 solidated, or coordinated. Any unexpended balances so transferred  
21 shall be used only for the purpose for which the appropriation was  
22 originally made.

23 5. Shall make provisions for terminating the affairs of any  
24 agency abolished.

25 6. Shall make such other provisions as shall be necessary to  
26 accomplish the purpose of this Act.

1 Sec. 6. The governor shall transmit the plan accompanied by  
2 proposed legislation necessary to carry out the recommended re-  
3 organization to the Sixty-second General Assembly no later than  
4 the day of the convening of the general assembly. Copies of the  
5 plan with the recommended legislation shall be transmitted to the  
6 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representa-  
7 tives whereupon the respective presiding officer shall within ten  
8 (10) legislative days after the date of receipt, assign the proposed  
9 legislation to the appropriate standing committee for committee con-  
10 sideration. Each such committee shall issue a report on the pro-  
11 posed legislation to the respective chamber within sixty (60)  
12 legislative days after the convening of the general assembly with  
13 a recommendation for passage, amendment, or postponement and the  
14 reasons therefor.

1 Sec. 7. The governor is hereby authorized to employ such pro-  
2 fessional, technical, and administrative assistance as shall be  
3 necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Act. The governor  
4 may call upon past governors of Iowa for suggestions and recom-  
5 mendations relating to improving the management, efficiency, and  
6 economy of the state government.

1     Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of each office, agency, board  
2 commission or department of the state government, to make available  
3 for examination by the governor, its records and files and to  
4 furnish within a reasonable time to be fixed by the governor, in-  
5 formation as the governor may determine necessary for the purposes  
6 of this act.

1     Sec. 9. There is hereby created an advisory commission to be  
2 composed of fifteen members, three of which shall be members of  
3 the Senate, three of which shall be members of the House of  
4 Representatives and nine of which shall be citizens of Iowa, who  
5 are interested and knowledgeable in the executive branch of the  
6 state government.

7     All members shall be appointed by the governor to serve at his  
8 pleasure. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall  
9 be filled by appointment in the same manner and ratio as the  
10 original appointments.

11    The members of the commission shall receive their actual  
12 expenses to be audited by the comptroller and such compensation  
13 as may be determined and allowed by the sixty-second General  
14 Assembly.

1     Sec. 10. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of  
2 the state to the office of the governor the sum of one hundred  
3 thousand (100,000) dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 1965  
4 and ending June 30, 1967. Funds so appropriated shall be used for  
5 employment of such professional, technical, and administrative  
6 staff and assistance on such basis as shall be determined by the  
7 governor and for such other expenses as shall be necessary to  
8 accomplish the purpose of this Act.

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- 1 Amend Senate File 547 by striking the period in line eight
- 2 (8) of section ten (10) and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 3 following: ", including actual expenses incurred by commission
- 4 members as provided in section nine (9) of this Act."

Filed and adopted *Senate concurred 5/12*  
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BARINGER of Fayette.