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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the duties of the board of directors of each  
2 community college and creating a legislative task force to  
3 study certain matters relating to community colleges.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 1995, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 21. Annually submit by August 15, on  
4 forms designed by the department of education in consultation  
5 with the community colleges, the following information, which  
6 shall include but is not limited to, the following:

7 a. The number of full-time and part-time students enrolled  
8 in each program offered by the community college, listed by  
9 program.

10 b. The number of and any appropriate demographic  
11 information, including salaries of full-time and part-time  
12 staff, relating to the faculty, administration, and support  
13 personnel employed at each community college.

14 c. The full-time equivalent total of persons employed as  
15 identified in paragraph "b".

16 d. Tuition charges, fees, and other costs payable to the  
17 community college by a student.

18 e. The types of degrees granted by the community college  
19 and the number of students receiving degrees.

20 f. Revenues and expenditures from state financial aid,  
21 federal funds, tax levies, projects authorized under chapters  
22 260E and 260F, tuition, bonds, other local sources, foundation  
23 sources, and donations and gifts that may be accepted by the  
24 governing board of a community college.

25 g. An inventory of buildings and facilities owned and  
26 leased by the community college, and any related operation and  
27 maintenance costs.

28 h. Infrastructure plans, which shall include, but are not  
29 limited to, the amounts expended in the current fiscal year on  
30 renovation and construction, and any future plans and  
31 projected costs for expansion.

32 The department of education may withhold from a community  
33 college any state financial assistance appropriated to the  
34 department for allocation to the community college if the  
35 community college fails to substantially meet the requirements

1 of this subsection.

2 Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE STUDY.

3 1. There is created a legislative task force to study the  
4 need for the community colleges to operate effectively and  
5 efficiently as a state system, while recognizing the strong  
6 local character of community colleges. The study shall  
7 include, but is not limited to, a review of the governance  
8 system of the community colleges; ongoing collaboration among  
9 the community colleges; changes necessary to enhance the  
10 accountability of community colleges; the relationship between  
11 community colleges and local school districts; the  
12 relationship between community colleges, the department of  
13 education, and the state board of education; and the  
14 relationship between community colleges and other accredited  
15 postsecondary institutions in Iowa.

16 2. Membership on the task force shall consist of the  
17 following:

18 a. Three voting members from the senate to be appointed by  
19 the president of the senate in consultation with the minority  
20 leader.

21 b. Three voting members from the house of representatives  
22 to be appointed by the speaker of the house in consultation  
23 with the minority leader.

24 c. Three voting members to be chosen by legislative  
25 members on the task force.

26 d. The director of the department of education, who shall  
27 serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

28 The chairperson and vice chairperson of the task force  
29 shall be chosen from among the voting nonlegislative members  
30 by a majority vote of the legislative members. Members of the  
31 task force are entitled to receive per diem pursuant to  
32 sections 2.10 and 7E.6.

33 3. From the moneys appropriated in section 2.12, not more  
34 than \$90,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996, and  
35 ending June 30, 1997, shall be allocated to the task force

1 created in subsection 1 for purposes of the payment of  
2 services of a professional facilitator to assist the task  
3 force, or for the task force to contract for an independent  
4 study of the issues identified in subsection 1.

5 4. The task force shall submit its findings and  
6 recommendations to the general assembly by December 1, 1996.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill requires the boards of directors of the community  
9 colleges to provide certain specified information annually to  
10 the department of education and creates a legislative task  
11 force to study the need for the community colleges to operate  
12 effectively and efficiently as a state system, while  
13 recognizing the strong local character of community colleges.

14 Community colleges shall submit the following required  
15 information on forms designed by the department of education  
16 in consultation with the community colleges: the number of  
17 full-time and part-time students enrolled in each program  
18 offered by the community college; the types of degrees granted  
19 and the number of students receiving degrees; the number of  
20 and any appropriate demographic information, including  
21 salaries of full-time and part-time staff, relating to the  
22 faculty, administration, and support personnel employed at  
23 each community college; tuition charges, fees, and other costs  
24 payable to the community college by a student; revenues and  
25 expenditures from all sources; an inventory of buildings and  
26 facilities owned and leased by the community college, and any  
27 related operation and maintenance costs; and infrastructure  
28 plans.

29 The bill grants authority to the department of education to  
30 withhold from a community college any state financial  
31 assistance appropriated to the department for allocation to  
32 the community college if the community college fails to  
33 substantially meet the information requirements.

34 The bill creates a legislative task force to study the need  
35 for the community colleges to operate effectively and

1 efficiently as a state system, while recognizing the strong  
2 local character of community colleges. Under the bill, the  
3 legislative task force study shall include, but is not limited  
4 to, a review of the governance system of the community  
5 colleges; changes to enhance the accountability of community  
6 colleges; ongoing collaboration among the community colleges;  
7 the relationship between community colleges and local school  
8 districts; the relationship between community colleges, the  
9 department of education, and the state board of education; and  
10 the relationship between community colleges and other  
11 accredited postsecondary institutions in Iowa.

12 Membership on the task force shall consist of three voting  
13 members from the senate to be appointed by the president of  
14 the senate in consultation with the minority leader, three  
15 voting members from the house of representatives to be  
16 appointed by the speaker of the house in consultation with the  
17 minority leader, and three voting members to be chosen by  
18 legislative members on the task force. The director of the  
19 department of education shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio  
20 member.

21 From the moneys appropriated for legislative expenses, the  
22 bill allocates not more than \$90,000 for the 1996-1997 fiscal  
23 year to the task force for the payment of services of a  
24 professional facilitator to assist the task force, or for the  
25 task force to contract for an independent study of the issues  
26 identified in the bill.

27 The task force shall submit its findings and  
28 recommendations to the general assembly by December 1, 1996.

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