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A BILL FOR

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

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

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1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 22. Annually submit to the department of
4 education by August 15, on forms designed by the department of
5 education in consultation with the community colleges,
6 information relating to the fiscal year ending the previous
7 June 30, which shall include, but is not limited to, the
8 following:

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

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

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

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

20 e. The types of degrees granted by the community college
21 and the numbers of students receiving these degrees.

22 f. The amounts of revenues and expenditures from state
23 financial aid, federal funds, tax levies, projects authorized
24 under chapters 260E and 260F, tuition, bonds, other local
25 sources, foundation sources, and donations and gifts that have
26 been accepted by the governing board of a community college.

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

30 h. Infrastructure plans, which shall include, but are not
31 limited to, the amounts expended on renovation and
32 construction, and any future plans and projected costs for
33 expansion.

34 The department of education may withhold from a community
35 college any state financial assistance appropriated to the

1 department for allocation to the community college if the
2 community college fails to substantially meet the requirements
3 of this subsection.

4 Sec. 2. LEGISLATIVE STUDY.

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

18 2. Membership on the task force shall consist of the
19 following:

20 a. Three voting members from the senate to be appointed by
21 the majority leader of the senate in consultation with the
22 president and the minority leader.

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

26 c. Three voting members to be chosen by legislative
27 members on the task force.

28 d. The director of the department of education, or the
29 director's designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex
30 officio member.

31 The chairperson and vice chairperson of the task force
32 shall be chosen from among the voting nonlegislative members
33 by a majority vote of the legislative members. Nonlegislative
34 members of the task force shall be reimbursed for actual and
35 necessary expenses incurred in performance of the duties.

1 Expense moneys paid to nonlegislative members shall be paid
2 from funds appropriated to the task force. Legislative
3 members of the task force shall receive payment pursuant to
4 sections 2.10 and 2.12.

5 3. From the moneys appropriated to the general assembly in
6 section 2.12, not more than \$90,000 for the fiscal year
7 beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, shall be
8 allocated to the task force created in subsection 1 for
9 purposes of the payment of services of a consultant to assist
10 the task force, or for the task force to contract for an
11 independent study of the issues identified in subsection 1.

12 4. The task force shall submit its findings and
13 recommendations to the general assembly by December 1, 1997.

14 Staff assistance to the task force shall be provided by the
15 legislative service bureau and the legislative fiscal bureau
16 and the staffs shall cooperate with and coordinate the work of
17 the task force with the consultant if a consultant is
18 employed.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill requires the boards of directors of the community
21 colleges to provide certain specified information relating to
22 programs, buildings, students, and community college staff
23 members annually to the department of education and creates a
24 legislative task force to study the need for the community
25 colleges to operate effectively and efficiently as a state
26 system, while recognizing the strong local character of
27 community colleges.

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

33 The bill creates a legislative task force to study the need
34 for the community colleges to operate effectively and
35 efficiently as a state system, while recognizing the strong

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

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

20 From the moneys appropriated for legislative expenses, the
21 bill allocates not more than \$90,000 for the 1997-1998 fiscal
22 year to the task force for the payment of services of a
23 professional facilitator to assist the task force, or for the
24 task force to contract for an independent study of the issues
25 identified in the bill.

26 The task force shall submit its findings and
27 recommendations to the general assembly meeting in 1998.

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