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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study of gambling and its impact on this
2 state, making an appropriation, and providing an effective
3 date.

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

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1 Section 1. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Act, unless the
2 context otherwise requires:

3 1. "Extension services" means the Iowa cooperative
4 extension service in agriculture and home economics at Iowa
5 state university of science and technology.

6 2. "Director" means the study director appointed by the
7 director of the extension service.

8 Sec. 2. EXTENSION SERVICE STUDY -- STUDY COMPLETION.

9 1. The extension service shall conduct a comprehensive
10 legal and factual study of gambling in this state and existing
11 policies and practices with respect to the legalization or
12 prohibition of gambling activities and formulate and propose
13 changes in those policies and practices as the extension
14 service deems appropriate. The extension service may seek the
15 cooperation of other states and tribal councils in obtaining
16 information regarding gambling activities within those
17 jurisdictions.

18 2. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the
19 following matters:

20 a. The economic impact of gambling on the state of Iowa,
21 political subdivisions of this state, and native American
22 tribes conducting gambling activities in this state.

23 b. The economic impact of gambling on other businesses.

24 c. An assessment and review of the political contributions
25 and influences of gambling businesses and promoters on the
26 development of public policy regulating gambling.

27 d. An assessment of the relationship between gambling and
28 crime.

29 e. An assessment of the impact of pathological or problem
30 gambling on individuals, families, social institutions,
31 criminal activity, and the economy.

32 f. A review of the demographics of gamblers.

33 g. A review of the effectiveness of existing practices in
34 law enforcement, judicial administration, and corrections to
35 combat and deter illegal gambling and illegal activities

1 related to gambling.

2 h. A review of the costs and effectiveness of state and
3 federal gambling regulatory policy.

4 i. Other relevant issues and topics as considered
5 appropriate by the extension service.

6 3. The extension service shall complete its study and
7 submit its final report to the governor and the general
8 assembly not later than January 31, 2000. The final report
9 shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and
10 conclusions of the extension service with its recommendations
11 for legislation and administrative actions as the extension
12 service deems appropriate.

13 Sec. 3. POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.

14 1. The director may hold hearings, administer oaths, take
15 testimony, receive evidence, and require by subpoena the
16 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of
17 materials as the director considers advisable to carry out the
18 purposes of this Act.

19 A subpoena of the extension service shall be served in the
20 manner provided for a subpoena issued by a district court
21 under the Iowa rules of civil procedure. A subpoena may be
22 served anywhere in the judicial district in which the person
23 required to be served resides or may be found. A subpoena
24 shall state the time and place a person is required to appear,
25 be signed by the director, and be attested to by the director
26 of the extension service.

27 2. Upon request of the director, the head of any state
28 agency shall furnish the director with the information
29 considered necessary by the director to carry out the
30 provisions of this Act.

31 3. The director of the extension service shall appoint and
32 terminate the employment of a director of the study and any
33 additional personnel as may be necessary to carry out the
34 study.

35 Sec. 4. STUDY APPROPRIATION.

1 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
2 state to Iowa state university of science and technology the
3 sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, to fund a
4 comprehensive factual and legal study of gambling in this
5 state to be conducted by the Iowa cooperative extension
6 service in agriculture and home economics as provided in this
7 Act.

8 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, all unobligated or
9 unencumbered moneys remaining on January 31, 2000, from the
10 appropriation made in subsection 1, shall revert to the
11 general fund of the state on April 1, 2000.

12 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides for a state gambling impact and policy
16 study to be conducted by the Iowa cooperative extension
17 service in agriculture and home economics. The purpose of the
18 study is to conduct a comprehensive legal and factual study of
19 gambling in this state and existing policies and practices
20 with respect to the legalization or prohibition of gambling
21 activities, and to formulate and propose changes in those
22 policies.

23 The bill specifies the various study components including,
24 but not limited to, the following:

- 25 1. Economic impact on state and local government and
26 native American tribal councils.
- 27 2. Economic impact on other businesses.
- 28 3. Assessment of the influence of gambling interests on
29 public policy relating to the regulation of gambling.
- 30 4. Assessment of the relationship between gambling and
31 crime.
- 32 5. Assessment of the impact of pathological or problem
33 gambling on individuals, families, social institutions, and
34 others.
- 35 6. Review of the effectiveness of existing practices in

1 law enforcement, judicial administration, and corrections.

2 The extension service is empowered to hold hearings,
3 administer oaths, take testimony, and if necessary, require
4 attendance and testimony by subpoena. The director of the
5 extension service shall appoint a study director and other
6 staff as necessary.

7 The study report is to be completed and submitted to the
8 governor and the general assembly not later than January 31,
9 2000.

10 An appropriation of \$50,000 is provided for the study.

11 This bill takes effect upon enactment.

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