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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an oversight and communications committee,  
2 establishing a legislative information technology bureau, and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 2.12, unnumbered paragraph 4, Code  
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 There is appropriated out of any funds in the state  
4 treasury not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be  
5 necessary for the fiscal year budgets of the legislative  
6 service bureau, the legislative fiscal bureau, the legislative  
7 information technology bureau, the citizens' aide office and  
8 the computer support bureau for salaries, support,  
9 maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes to carry out their  
10 statutory responsibilities. The legislative service bureau,  
11 the legislative fiscal bureau, the legislative information  
12 technology bureau, the citizens' aide office and the computer  
13 support bureau shall submit their proposed budgets to the  
14 legislative council not later than September 1 of each year.  
15 The legislative council shall review and approve the proposed  
16 budgets not later than December 1 of each year. The budget  
17 approved by the legislative council for each of its statutory  
18 legislative agencies shall be transmitted by the legislative  
19 council to the department of management on or before December  
20 1 of each year for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the  
21 following year. The department of management shall submit the  
22 approved budgets received from the legislative council to the  
23 governor for inclusion in the governor's proposed budget for  
24 the succeeding fiscal year. The approved budgets shall also  
25 be submitted to the chairpersons of the committees on  
26 appropriations. The committees on appropriations may allocate  
27 from the funds appropriated by this section the funds  
28 contained in the approved budgets, or such other amounts as  
29 specified, pursuant to a concurrent resolution to be approved  
30 by both houses of the general assembly. The director of  
31 revenue and finance shall issue warrants for salaries,  
32 support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes upon  
33 requisition by the administrative head of each statutory  
34 legislative agency. If the legislative council elects to  
35 change the approved budget for a legislative agency prior to

1 July 1, the legislative council shall transmit the amount of  
2 the budget revision to the department of management prior to  
3 July 1 of the fiscal year, however, if the general assembly  
4 approved the budget it cannot be changed except pursuant to a  
5 concurrent resolution approved by the general assembly.

6 Sec. 2. Section 2.44, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1997,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Members of special interim study committees which may from  
9 time to time be created, and members of the legislative fiscal  
10 committee who are not members of the legislative council, and  
11 members of the oversight and communications committee who are  
12 not members of the legislative council shall be entitled to  
13 receive the same expenses and compensation provided for the  
14 members of the legislative council.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 2.45A OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNICATIONS  
16 COMMITTEE.

17 The legislative council shall establish an oversight and  
18 communications committee. The membership of the committee is  
19 composed of the chairpersons or their designated committee  
20 members and the ranking minority party members or their  
21 designated committee members of the joint budget subcommittee  
22 responsible for developing a budget and appropriating funds to  
23 be used primarily for state communications and technology-  
24 related purposes. To the extent possible, the other members  
25 of the committee shall also be members of the joint budget  
26 subcommittee responsible for developing a budget and  
27 appropriating funds to be used primarily for state  
28 communications and technology-related purposes.

29 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 2.45B POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE  
30 OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

31 1. The purpose of the oversight and communications  
32 committee is to review and analyze the structure and  
33 operations of state government and the use of information  
34 technology in enhancing the ability of the public to interact  
35 with state government.

1 2. The committee shall be staffed by the legislative  
2 information technology bureau, legislative service bureau, and  
3 legislative fiscal bureau.

4 3. The committee, subject to the approval of the  
5 legislative council, may conduct a review of one or more  
6 programs or regulations administered or enforced by state  
7 government.

8 4. The committee shall prepare a final report and a  
9 summary of the report for submission to the general assembly  
10 not later than the first day of each regular session of the  
11 general assembly as provided in section 2.1. The report shall  
12 contain findings and recommendations of the committee, which  
13 may include proposed bills or resolutions.

14 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 2.45C PROCEDURES.

15 The oversight and communications committee shall determine  
16 its own procedures and shall meet as often as deemed  
17 necessary, subject to the approval of the legislative council.  
18 The committee shall keep a record of its proceedings which  
19 shall be open to public inspection, and it shall inform the  
20 legislative council in advance concerning the dates of  
21 meetings of the committee.

22 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 2.70 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUREAU  
23 -- RESPONSIBILITIES.

24 1. A legislative information technology bureau is created  
25 which shall operate under the direction and control of the  
26 legislative council. The administrative head of the  
27 legislative information technology bureau is the director of  
28 the bureau. The bureau shall cooperate with and serve all  
29 members of the general assembly, the legislative council, the  
30 oversight and communications committee, and other committees  
31 of the general assembly. The legislative council shall have  
32 the sole power and duty to allocate the work load of the  
33 bureau but may delegate such duty to the director of the  
34 legislative information technology bureau.

35 2. The legislative information technology bureau shall do

1 all of the following:

2 a. Continuously review the use of information technology  
3 by all of state government.

4 b. Develop effective strategies regarding an enterprise-  
5 wide basis for the delivery and use of information technology  
6 throughout state government.

7 c. Report to the oversight and communications committee as  
8 required by the committee.

9 d. Report to the legislative council as required by the  
10 council.

11 e. Report to the general assembly after the convening of  
12 each legislative session and as otherwise required by the  
13 general assembly.

14 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 2.71 DIRECTOR -- DUTIES.

15 1. The director of the legislative information technology  
16 bureau shall be appointed by the legislative council, upon  
17 recommendation of the oversight and communications committee.  
18 The salary of the director of the bureau shall be set by the  
19 legislative council.

20 2. The director shall do all of the following:

21 a. Employ and supervise all employees of the legislative  
22 information technology bureau in such positions and at such  
23 salaries as shall be authorized by the legislative council.

24 b. With the approval of the legislative council or its  
25 chairperson, employ such technical consultants as may be  
26 necessary to provide research and development of effective  
27 strategies regarding an enterprise-wide basis for the delivery  
28 and use of information technology.

29 c. Supervise all expenditures of the legislative  
30 information technology bureau with the approval of the  
31 legislative council.

32 d. Attend, or designate a representative to attend, budget  
33 hearings required under section 8.26, and offer explanations  
34 or suggestions and make inquiries with respect to such  
35 hearings regarding information technology.



1 and communications committee take effect upon enactment.

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