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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requesting a legislative study to review the mission,  
2 structure, responsiveness, and funding of the area education  
3 agencies.

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

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1 Section 1. AREA EDUCATION AGENCY INTERIM STUDY. The  
2 legislative council is requested to establish an interim study  
3 committee consisting of legislators and public members and, as  
4 an ex officio, nonvoting member, the director of the  
5 department of education, or the director's designee. The  
6 purpose of the study is to thoroughly review the mission,  
7 structure, responsiveness, and funding of the area education  
8 agencies. The director of the department of education shall  
9 provide the committee with an update on the accreditation  
10 process, which the general assembly required the department to  
11 establish effective July 1, 1997. The committee shall  
12 evaluate area education agency efforts to assist schools in  
13 incorporating accountability for student achievement into the  
14 standards and accreditation process as required under section  
15 256.7, subsection 21. The committee shall submit a report of  
16 its findings and recommendations for restructuring the area  
17 education agency system to better serve schools within the  
18 system's mission to the chairpersons and ranking members of  
19 the senate and house standing committees on education and the  
20 joint appropriations subcommittee on education by December 1,  
21 2001.

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**EXPLANATION**

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26 of the department of education, or the director's designee.

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28 mission, structure, responsiveness, and funding of the area  
29 education agencies.

30 The bill directs the director of the department of  
31 education to update the committee on the accreditation process  
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34 education agency efforts to assist schools in incorporating  
35 accountability for student achievement into the standards and

1 accreditation process as required under Code section 256.7,  
2 subsection 21.

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4 recommendations for restructuring the area education agency  
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