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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to community college governance.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 22. Adopt rules directing the community
4 colleges to annually and uniformly submit data from the most
5 recent fiscal year to the division of community colleges and
6 workforce preparation, using criteria determined and
7 prescribed by the division via the management information
8 system. Data submitted to the division by a community college
9 shall be broken down by fund. Community colleges shall
10 provide data to the division by a deadline set by the
11 division. The deadline shall be set for a date that permits
12 the division to include the data in a report submitted for
13 state board approval and for review by December 1 of each year
14 by the house and senate standing education committees and the
15 joint subcommittee on education appropriations.

16 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 1999, is amended by
17 adding the following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 49. Develop and implement a certified
19 annual report to be submitted to the state board by the
20 division of community colleges and workforce preparation from
21 data submitted in a uniform and consistent manner by the
22 community colleges in accordance with section 256.7,
23 subsection 22. The division shall reconcile, with the
24 assistance of the community colleges, audited financial
25 statements with the financial data submitted to the
26 department.

27 Sec. 3. Section 256.31, Code 1999, is amended by adding
28 the following new subsection:

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The council shall annually prepare a
30 written five-year statewide strategic plan for Iowa's
31 community colleges, in consultation with a working group of
32 stakeholders which shall be appointed by the director to
33 assist the council in formulating the plan. The plan shall be
34 submitted to the state board of education for approval and
35 adoption by rule, and shall be submitted to the joint

1 subcommittee on education appropriations for review prior to
2 implementation. By February 1, 2001, and at least every five
3 years thereafter, the council shall recommend to the general
4 assembly a system of incentives and penalties for community
5 colleges based upon the level of responsiveness to the
6 strategic plan demonstrated by a given community college.

7 Sec. 4. COMMUNITY COLLEGE DATA COMPARISON AND PROGRESS
8 REPORT. The director of the department of education shall
9 provide the following:

10 1. A comparison of the data collected by the basic
11 educational data survey for K-12 schools to the data being
12 collected by the management information system for community
13 colleges to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
14 subcommittee on education appropriations by January 15, 2001.

15 2. A report on the progress toward implementation of the
16 management information system to the legislative fiscal bureau
17 and department of management by June 30, 2000.

18 3. An update on the progress toward implementation of the
19 management information system to the house and senate standing
20 education committees and the joint subcommittee on education
21 appropriations by January 15, 2001.

22 The report and the update required pursuant to subsections
23 2 and 3 shall include, but shall not be limited to,
24 information on the total amounts appropriated and expended for
25 purposes of the management information system, the amount
26 needed to complete the system, the hardware and software
27 needed, and a description of the information the complete
28 system is capable of providing.

29 Sec. 5. K-16 SHARING INCENTIVES TASK FORCE. The
30 department of education and the board of regents shall work
31 together to establish a K-16 sharing incentives task force and
32 shall jointly provide staffing assistance to the task force.
33 The task force shall be charged with conceiving, considering,
34 and recommending incentives to encourage elementary,
35 secondary, and postsecondary institutions to partner in order

1 to share the costs of providing career and technical programs.
2 Members of the task force shall include, but shall not be
3 limited to, persons representing the Iowa association of
4 school boards, the Iowa state education association, school
5 administrators of Iowa, the Iowa association of community
6 college presidents, the Iowa association of community college
7 trustees, the division of community colleges and workforce
8 preparation, area education agencies of Iowa, the urban
9 education network of Iowa, and rural schools of Iowa, and the
10 Iowa communications network. The task force shall report its
11 findings, including the costs estimates for any initiatives
12 recommended, and its recommendations to the senate and house
13 standing education committees and the joint subcommittees on
14 education appropriations by January 31, 2001.

15 Sec. 6. INITIAL STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN. In accordance
16 with section 256.31, subsection 4, the state board of
17 education shall approve and adopt by rule the initial
18 statewide strategic plan by December 1, 2000. The department
19 shall implement the initial plan by July 1, 2001.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill requires the community college council to
22 annually prepare a five-year statewide strategic plan,
23 requires uniform reporting via the management information
24 system by the community colleges, and directs the department
25 of education and the board of regents to work together to
26 establish a K-16 sharing incentives task force.

27 In preparing the statewide strategic plan, the council must
28 consult with a working group of stakeholders appointed by the
29 director of the department of education. The plan must be
30 submitted to the state board of education for approval and
31 adoption by rule, and to the joint subcommittee on education
32 appropriations for review prior to the plan's July 1, 2001,
33 implementation. By February 1, 2001, and at least every five
34 years thereafter, the state board must recommend to the
35 general assembly a system of incentives and penalties for

1 community colleges based upon the level of responsiveness to
2 the strategic plan demonstrated by a given community college.

3 The bill directs the state board of education to adopt
4 rules directing and authorizing the division of community
5 colleges and workforce preparation to prescribe and collect
6 data, which the community colleges shall be required to
7 provide via the management information system.

8 The bill requires that the director of the department of
9 education develop and implement a certified annual report to
10 be submitted to the state board by the division from the data
11 submitted by the community colleges. The division is directed
12 to reconcile, with the assistance of the community colleges,
13 audited financial statements with the financial data submitted
14 to the department.

15 The bill also requires the director to provide to the
16 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint subcommittee on
17 education appropriations, by January 15, 2001, a comparison of
18 the data collected by the basic educational data survey for K-
19 12 schools to the data being collected by the management
20 information system for community colleges. In addition, the
21 director must submit a progress report on the management
22 information system to the legislative fiscal bureau and
23 department of management by June 30, 2000, with an update of
24 the progress report to be submitted to the general assembly's
25 education committees by January 15, 2001.

26 The bill requires that the department of education and the
27 board of regents jointly provide staffing assistance to the K-
28 16 sharing incentives task force, and provides that the task
29 force shall be charged with conceiving, considering, and
30 recommending incentives to encourage institutions to partner
31 in order to share the costs of providing career and technical
32 programs. The task force must report its findings, including
33 the costs estimates for any initiatives recommended, and its
34 recommendations to the general assembly's education committees
35 by January 31, 2001.