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HOUSE FILE 2292
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2117)

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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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HF 2292

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; evaluate area education agency
16 effectiveness in improving instruction and student
17 achievement; and consider any changes needed to improve the
18 efforts and effectiveness of the area education agencies. The
19 committee shall also explore opportunities for coordinating
20 the media services provided by the area education agencies and
21 the regional libraries. The committee shall submit a report
22 of its findings and recommendations for restructuring the area
23 education agency system to better serve schools within the
24 system's mission to the chairpersons and ranking members of
25 the senate and house standing committees on education and the
26 joint appropriations subcommittee on education by December 1,
27 2001.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The legislative council is requested to establish an
30 interim study committee consisting of legislators and public
31 members and, as an ex officio, nonvoting member, the director
32 of the department of education, or the director's designee.
33 The purpose of the study is to thoroughly review the
34 mission, structure, responsiveness, and funding of the area
35 education agencies.

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2 education to update the committee on the accreditation process
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6 accountability for student achievement into the standards and
7 accreditation process as required under Code section 256.7,
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9 instruction and student achievement; and consider any changes
10 needed to improve the efforts and effectiveness of area
11 education agencies. The committee is also directed to explore
12 opportunities for coordinating media services provided by area
13 education agencies and regional libraries.

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HOUSE FILE 2292

H-8046

- 1 Amend House File 2292 as follows:
 - 2 1. Page 1, line 20, by inserting after the word
 - 3 "agencies" the following: ", public libraries,".
- By MASCHER of Johnson

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HOUSE FILE 2292

H-8319

- 1 Amend House File 2292 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 8, by inserting after the word
- 3 "agencies." the following: "The review shall include
- 4 but not be limited to the fiscal policies and types of
- 5 services provided by area education agencies, with a
- 6 focus on whether access to those services is equitable
- 7 statewide and on the capacity of the public and
- 8 private sectors to provide those services."

By JACOBS of Polk
WISE of Lee

H-8319 FILED MARCH 13, 2000

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3-14-00

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H-8331

- 1 Amend House File 2292 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 17, by inserting after the word
- 3 "achievement;" the following: "evaluate the adequacy
- 4 of resources available to area education agencies to
- 5 provide the assistance to school districts as required
- 6 of area education agencies under the Code;".

By WISE of Lee

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HOUSE FILE **2292**
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