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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the departments of education, revenue and
 2 finance, and management to conduct a study of funding
 3 inequities within the kindergarten through grade twelve public
 4 school system.

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

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SF 2018 EDUCATION

1 Section 1. SCHOOL FUNDING INEQUITIES STUDY. The
2 department of education, in conjunction with the department of
3 revenue and finance and the department of management, shall
4 conduct a study of the funding inequities that exist between
5 school districts within the kindergarten through grade twelve
6 public school system. The study shall include a review of the
7 disparities created by the use of the local sales and services
8 tax for school infrastructure, and the impact of the disparity
9 in property tax values in school districts analyzed by class
10 of property. The study shall also include recommendations for
11 reducing the inequities which exist within the current school
12 funding system, or for providing a more equitable school
13 funding mechanism. The department of education shall
14 coordinate preparation of a report of findings and
15 recommendations, and shall submit the report to the members of
16 the general assembly by January 1, 2001.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill requires the departments of education, revenue
19 and finance, and management to conduct a study of the funding
20 inequities that exist between school districts within the
21 kindergarten through grade twelve public school system. The
22 study will include a review of the disparities created by the
23 use of the local sales and services tax for school
24 infrastructure and by differing property tax valuations
25 between school districts. The study will also include
26 recommendations for reducing the inequities which currently
27 exist, or for providing a more equitable school funding
28 system. The department of education is directed to coordinate
29 preparation of the report, and to submit the report to the
30 members of the general assembly by January 1, 2001.

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