

Senate Study Bill 1178

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GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to government efficiency by providing for the
2 establishment of common state services regional boundaries,
3 and providing an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. STATE SERVICES REGIONAL BOUNDARIES.
1 2 1. A state services regional boundaries task force,
1 3 hereafter referred to as the task force, is created. The task
1 4 force shall be comprised of eight members selected in the
1 5 following manner:
1 6 a. One member shall be appointed jointly by the
1 7 administrators of the area education agencies created by
1 8 chapter 273.
1 9 b. One member shall be appointed by the director of the
1 10 department of human services.
1 11 c. One member shall be appointed jointly by the directors
1 12 of the judicial district departments of correctional services
1 13 created by chapter 905.
1 14 d. One member shall be appointed by the chief justice of
1 15 the supreme court.
1 16 e. Two citizen members shall be appointed by the governor.
1 17 f. One citizen member shall be appointed jointly by the
1 18 majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the house of
1 19 representatives.
1 20 g. One citizen member shall be appointed jointly by the
1 21 minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the
1 22 house of representatives.
1 23 2. The task force is charged with the responsibility of
1 24 proposing common boundaries for area education agencies,
1 25 department of human services service areas, judicial
1 26 districts, and judicial district departments of correctional
1 27 services. No more than eight regions shall be proposed by the
1 28 task force; however, any entity may have fewer regions if the
1 29 larger region boundaries are consistent with the smaller
1 30 coextensive region boundaries. The task force shall issue a
1 31 report to the general assembly's joint government oversight
1 32 committee by October 1, 2003, containing its findings and
1 33 recommended service area boundaries.
1 34 3. If the task force fails to issue a report by October 1,
1 35 2003, or if no common state services regional boundaries
2 1 proposal is contained in its recommendations, the joint
2 2 legislative government oversight committee shall direct the
2 3 legislative service bureau to develop a plan for common
2 4 regional boundaries for submission to the general assembly
2 5 which plan shall be submitted to the general assembly by
2 6 December 31, 2003. The joint government oversight committee
2 7 shall develop the criteria to be followed by the legislative
2 8 service bureau in establishing a common regional boundaries
2 9 plan. The criteria shall provide, at a minimum, that the
2 10 legislative service bureau consider the needs of the entities
2 11 providing state services and identify the boundaries that will
2 12 provide the greatest efficiencies, while maximizing the
2 13 ability to deliver state services with limited financial
2 14 resources.
2 15 4. A plan for common regional boundaries submitted to the
2 16 general assembly pursuant to this section shall provide for
2 17 the establishment of an advisory committee within each new
2 18 region to provide input for the planning and implementation of
2 19 the staffing and operations of the new region.
2 20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
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EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill relates to government efficiency by providing for
2 24 the establishment of common state services administrative
2 25 boundaries.

2 26 The bill provides for the establishment of a state services
2 27 regional boundaries task force whose charge shall be the
2 28 development of a proposal to create not more than eight common
2 29 regions for area education agencies, department of human
2 30 services service areas, judicial districts, and judicial
2 31 district departments of correctional services. The task force
2 32 shall be comprised of a representative from the area education
2 33 agencies, department of human services, judicial district
2 34 departments of correctional services, two citizens appointed
2 35 by the governor, a representative appointed by the chief
3 1 justice, a citizen appointed by the majority party leadership
3 2 of the general assembly, and a citizen appointed by the
3 3 minority party leadership of the general assembly.

3 4 The bill provides that the task force shall make
3 5 recommendations to the general assembly for common boundaries
3 6 by October 1, 2003. If the task force fails to make a
3 7 recommendation, the bill provides that the joint legislative
3 8 government oversight committee shall provide criteria upon
3 9 which the legislative service bureau shall design a plan with
3 10 common boundaries to be submitted to the general assembly by
3 11 December 31, 2003. At a minimum, the criteria shall provide
3 12 that the legislative service bureau consider the needs of the
3 13 entities delivering state services and identify the boundaries
3 14 that will provide the greatest efficiencies, while maximizing
3 15 the ability to deliver the services with limited financial
3 16 resources. The bill further provides that any proposal
3 17 submitted to the general assembly shall include a provision
3 18 establishing an advisory committee in each new district to
3 19 provide input for the planning and implementation of the
3 20 staffing and operations of the new district.

3 21 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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