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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing committees to formulate plans for a state
2 research and development prekindergarten through grade twelve
3 school 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 OF IOWA RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT,
1 2 DEMONSTRATION, AND DISSEMINATION SCHOOL == COMMITTEES
1 3 ESTABLISHED.
1 4 1. a. The director of the department of education and the
1 5 president of the university of northern Iowa shall jointly
1 6 establish a finance and funding committee and an
1 7 implementation committee to develop detailed plans for
1 8 expansion of the Price laboratory school at the university of
1 9 northern Iowa as the state of Iowa research, development,
1 10 demonstration, and dissemination school. The committees shall
1 11 file a joint report with the general assembly, the governor,
1 12 the board of regents, and the state board of education by
1 13 January 15, 2009. The committees shall collaborate to ensure
1 14 that their recommendations in the joint report are compatible.
1 15 b. The committees shall use the findings and
1 16 recommendations of the research and development
1 17 prekindergarten through grade twelve school feasibility study
1 18 committee created in 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 215, section 128,
1 19 as the basis of each committee's plan.
1 20 2. Members of the finance and funding committee shall
1 21 include individuals from the university of northern Iowa, the
1 22 department of education, and educators with expertise in
1 23 school finance. The committee shall develop a plan for
1 24 sustained operational and capital funding both through the
1 25 identification of new funding sources and through the
1 26 restructuring of existing funding sources for the school. The
1 27 committee shall evaluate the condition of the current Price
1 28 laboratory school facility and determine whether renovation,
1 29 including new construction, is recommended, and, in
1 30 particular, renovation or new construction that would result
1 31 in the Price laboratory school serving as a demonstration site
1 32 in energy efficiency and energy efficient design.
1 33 3. Members of the implementation committee shall include
1 34 Price laboratory school faculty, university of northern Iowa
1 35 faculty, and department of education staff. The committee
2 1 shall develop a detailed transition plan for expanding the
2 2 Price laboratory school as a state of Iowa research,
2 3 development, demonstration, and dissemination school and shall
2 4 develop a detailed governance structure that outlines the
2 5 specific roles and responsibilities of the university of
2 6 northern Iowa, the department of education, and the other
2 7 individuals, boards, committees, and groups involved with the
2 8 school. The committee shall focus on making recommendations
2 9 regarding governance structure that result in creating the
2 10 type of environment that must exist for a research,
2 11 development, demonstration, and dissemination school to be
2 12 effective, including the methods by which research will be
2 13 translated into practice in all accredited public and
2 14 nonpublic prekindergarten through grade twelve schools.
2 15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 16 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
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EXPLANATION

2 18 This bill directs the establishment of two committees to
2 19 further develop a state of Iowa research, development,
2 20 demonstration, and dissemination (RDDD) school. A task force
2 21 commissioned by 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 215, section 128,
2 22 examined the feasibility of creating a research and
2 23 development prekindergarten through grade 12 school. The task
2 24 force's recommendations included the formation of two new
2 25 committees to examine the finance and funding and the
2 26 implementation of the RDDD school at the Price laboratory
2 27 school located at the university of northern Iowa.

2 28 The bill directs the director of the department of
2 29 education and the president of the university of northern Iowa
2 30 to jointly establish a finance and funding committee and an
2 31 implementation committee to develop detailed plans for the
2 32 RDDD school. A joint report is due to the general assembly,
2 33 the governor, the board of regents, and the state board of
2 34 education, by January 15, 2009. The committees shall
2 35 collaborate to ensure that their recommendations are
3 1 compatible. The committees are to use the findings and
3 2 recommendations of the task force as the basis of each
3 3 committee's plan.

3 4 The finance and funding committee members are to include
3 5 individuals from the university of northern Iowa, the
3 6 department of education, and educators with expertise in
3 7 school finance. The committee shall develop a plan for
3 8 ongoing operational and capital funding both through the
3 9 identification of new funding sources and through the
3 10 restructuring of existing funding sources for the school. The
3 11 committee shall evaluate the condition of the Price laboratory
3 12 school including considering whether new construction would
3 13 allow the school to serve as a demonstration site for energy
3 14 efficiency and design.

3 15 The implementation committee members shall include Price
3 16 laboratory school faculty, university of northern Iowa
3 17 faculty, and department of education staff. The committee
3 18 shall develop a detailed transition plan for expanding the
3 19 Price laboratory school as an RDDD school and a detailed
3 20 governance structure that outlines the specific roles and
3 21 responsibilities of the university of northern Iowa, the
3 22 department of education, and the other individuals, boards,
3 23 committees, and groups involved with the new school.

3 24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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