

**House File 2323 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to consolidation of the operational functions  
2 of the institutions of higher education governed by the  
3 state board of regents.

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

1 Section 1. Section 262.12, Code 2009, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **262.12 Committees and administrative offices under board.**

4 1. The state board of regents shall ~~also~~ have and exercise  
5 all the powers necessary and convenient for the effective  
6 administration of its office and of the institutions under  
7 its control, and to this end may create such committees,  
8 offices, and agencies from its own members or others, and  
9 employ ~~persons to staff the same,~~ fix their staff compensation  
10 and tenure and delegate thereto, or to the administrative  
11 officers and faculty of the institutions under its control,  
12 such part of the authority and duties vested by statute in the  
13 board, and shall formulate and establish such rules, outline  
14 such policies and prescribe such procedures ~~therefor,~~ all as  
15 may be desired or determined by the board as recorded in their  
16 minutes.

17 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the state board of regents  
18 shall consolidate into one system all of the operational  
19 functions of the institutions of higher education it governs,  
20 including but not limited to communication and information  
21 technology, personnel and fiscal management systems, and legal  
22 services. This single system shall be administered by the  
23 state board of regents and shall provide services uniformly  
24 to all of the institutions of higher education governed  
25 by the state board. An institution of higher education  
26 governed by the state board of regents shall not administer  
27 any of these operational services independently nor shall it  
28 procure operational services from any entity unless the system  
29 administered by the state board of regents does not offer  
30 substantially the same service.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill directs the state board of regents to consolidate  
33 into one system all of the operational functions of its  
34 universities including but not limited to communications  
35 and information technology, personnel and fiscal management

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1 systems, and legal services. The state board shall administer  
2 the single system, which must provide services uniformly to  
3 all of the universities. The universities are prohibited from  
4 administering any of these services independently and from  
5 procuring operational services from any entity unless the  
6 regents' system does not offer substantially the same service.