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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an organized system of reviews and ongoing
2 repeal dates for programs and projects administered by
3 executive branch departments.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.71 Ongoing program review —
2 repeal dates.

3 1. The general assembly finds that a regular review of
4 the programs and projects administered by state government is
5 necessary to determine whether each program and project is
6 effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which created
7 and whether the needs remain applicable. The general assembly
8 further finds that a regular, systematic review process can
9 identify the programs and projects that are no longer relevant
10 or functioning at a desirable level and can eliminate or
11 reorganize those programs and projects so that state resources
12 can be used most effectively or diverted to other priorities.

13 2. The committees on state government of the senate
14 and house of representatives shall propose legislation for
15 consideration by the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2012
16 Session, providing a staggered schedule for establishing an
17 automatic repeal date for each program or project administered
18 by a department of state government over the succeeding
19 five-year period. The committees on state government shall
20 consult with the office of the governor and the department
21 of management in formulating the staggered schedule and the
22 office and department shall cooperate in providing necessary
23 information requested by either committee. The repeal date
24 provisions shall be implemented in a manner so that any program
25 or project that is reauthorized by law is again subject to
26 automatic repeal five years after reauthorization.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill addresses regular review of programs and projects
29 administered by executive branch departments by providing for
30 implementation of an organized system of ongoing repeal dates
31 for the programs and projects. Code section 8.2 defines the
32 term "department" to mean any executive department, commission,
33 board, institution, bureau, office, or other agency of the
34 state government, that uses, expends, or receives any state
35 funds.

1 New Code section 8.71 states legislative findings as to
2 the purposes for performing a regular review of programs and
3 projects. The committees on state government of the senate and
4 house of representatives are directed to propose legislation
5 for the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2012 Session, providing
6 a staggered schedule for establishing an automatic repeal
7 date for each program or project administered by a department
8 over the succeeding five-year period. The committees on
9 state government are required to consult with the office of
10 the governor and the department of management in formulating
11 the staggered schedule and the office and the department are
12 required to cooperate in providing information requested by
13 either committee. The repeal date provisions are required to
14 be implemented in a manner so that any program or project that
15 is reauthorized by law is again subject to automatic repeal
16 five years after reauthorization.