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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state-designated career information and
2 decision-making system administered by the department of
3 education and including effective date and implementation
4 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.61A State-designated career
2 information and decision-making system — oversight.

3 1. For the purposes of this section, “*system*” means the
4 state-designated career information and decision-making system
5 provided for in section 279.61, subsection 1, and administered
6 by the state department of education in accordance with
7 section 118 of the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
8 Education Improvement Act of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-270.

9 2. The department of education and the college student
10 aid commission shall jointly submit to the general assembly’s
11 standing committees on government oversight on a quarterly
12 basis a written report discussing in detail the effectiveness
13 of the system in meeting the needs of school districts during
14 the most recently completed calendar quarter.

15 3. The department of education and the college student aid
16 commission shall seek feedback from school districts regarding
17 the system at least forty-five days before a quarterly report
18 is submitted. A school district or any interested person
19 may submit information regarding the system directly to the
20 general assembly’s standing committees on government oversight
21 information at any time to supplement the quarterly reports.

22 4. If at any time the general assembly’s standing
23 committees on government oversight determine that the system
24 is not effectively meeting the needs of school districts,
25 the committees shall issue a written report documenting such
26 determination. The report shall include any deficiencies in
27 the functionality of the system and any proposed solutions for
28 such deficiencies. If the committees issue such a report,
29 school districts shall not be required to participate in the
30 system for the remainder of the school year in which the report
31 is issued.

32 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION. The department of education and the
33 college student aid commission shall submit the first quarterly
34 report required by this Act to the general assembly’s standing
35 committees on government oversight within sixty days of the

1 effective date of this Act. The first feedback period for
2 school districts and interested persons required by this Act
3 shall begin on the effective date of this Act.

4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
5 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill directs the department of education and the
8 college student aid commission to jointly submit a written
9 report on the state-designated career information and
10 decision-making system provided for in Code section 279.61(1)
11 and administered by the department to the general assembly's
12 standing committees on government oversight on a quarterly
13 basis. The report is required to discuss in detail the
14 effectiveness of the system in meeting the needs of school
15 districts.

16 The bill directs the department of education and the college
17 student aid commission to seek feedback from school districts
18 regarding the system at least 45 days before a quarterly report
19 is submitted. The bill provides that a school district or
20 any interested person may submit information directly to the
21 general assembly's standing committees on government oversight
22 information at any time to supplement the reports.

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24 standing committees on government oversight determine that
25 the system is not effectively meeting the needs of school
26 districts, the committees shall issue a written report
27 documenting such determination. The report shall include
28 any deficiencies in the functionality of the system and any
29 proposed solutions for such deficiencies. The bill provides
30 that if the committees issue such a report, school districts
31 shall not be required to participate in the system for the
32 remainder of the school year in which the report is issued.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment. The bill directs the
34 department of education and the college student aid commission
35 to submit the first quarterly report required by the bill

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2 oversight within 60 days of the effective date of the bill.
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