

**House File 310 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an energy audit program with regard to  
2 elementary and secondary public school buildings.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 15, Code 2015, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:  
3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* The board shall establish, coordinate,  
4 and provide the funding for an energy audit program pursuant to  
5 which energy audits shall be performed in connection with each  
6 elementary or secondary public school building in the state  
7 utilized as an attendance center. The board shall establish  
8 by rule criteria for the audits, which shall include, at a  
9 minimum, an inspection of the school building, assessment of  
10 the building's current energy efficiency, and recommendations  
11 for energy-efficient upgrades or improvements. The selection  
12 of one or more entities or organizations to conduct the audits,  
13 and a proposed timetable for the performance of the audits and  
14 submission of audit results, shall be at the discretion of the  
15 board. Each school district in the state shall submit to the  
16 board a list of school buildings located within the school  
17 district by September 1, 2015. The goal of the program shall  
18 be to complete all audits by January 1, 2017, but the board may  
19 grant extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request  
20 by the entity performing the audit or a school district. The  
21 board shall submit a status report to the general assembly by  
22 January 1, 2016, and by January 1 each year thereafter until  
23 all audits have been completed.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board to establish,  
28 coordinate, and fund an energy audit program pursuant to which  
29 energy audits shall be performed in connection with each  
30 elementary or secondary school building in the state utilized  
31 as an attendance center. The bill provides that the board  
32 shall establish by rule criteria for the audits, which shall  
33 include, at a minimum, an inspection of the school building,  
34 assessment of the building's current energy efficiency, and  
35 recommendations for energy-efficient upgrades or improvements.

1 The bill requires each school district to submit to the  
2 board a list of school buildings located within the district  
3 by September 1, 2015. The bill provides that selection of one  
4 or more entities or organizations to perform the audits, and  
5 a proposed timetable for the performance of the audits and  
6 submission of audit results to the board, is in the board's  
7 discretion. The bill specifies a general goal of completion  
8 of all audits by January 1, 2017, but states that the board may  
9 grant extensions of time in the board's discretion upon request  
10 by an entity performing an audit or a school district. The  
11 bill provides that the board shall review audit results and  
12 submit a status report to the general assembly by January 1,  
13 2016, and by January 1 each year thereafter until all audits  
14 have been completed.