

House File 396 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 13)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an Iowa principal leadership institute
2 advisory council.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ADVISORY
2 COUNCIL.

3 1. An Iowa principal leadership institute advisory council
4 is established to advise and make policy recommendations to
5 the director of the department of education regarding the
6 development of and financing for an Iowa principal leadership
7 institute. The goals of the proposed institute shall be to
8 develop a cadre of principals to provide leadership in the
9 highest-needs Iowa schools, as identified by the department
10 as being persistently low achieving, having a high rate of
11 poverty, or having a high percentage of students identified
12 as limited English proficient as defined pursuant to section
13 280.4, and to provide executive-level leadership training and
14 to develop strategies and models for principals to enhance
15 instructional leadership across school attendance centers and
16 raise student achievement.

17 2. The members of the advisory council shall be appointed
18 by the director and shall include but not be limited to
19 at least one member who is appointed from a list of names
20 submitted by a statewide organization representing school
21 administrators licensed under chapter 272, at least one member
22 who is appointed from a list of names submitted by the largest
23 certified employee organization representing teachers licensed
24 under chapter 272, representatives of Iowa institutions of
25 higher education, representatives of the board of educational
26 examiners, education scholars or researchers, organizations
27 representing Iowa employers, and Iowa parents of school-age
28 children.

29 3. The advisory council shall submit its findings and
30 recommendations in a report to the director of the department
31 of education prior to October 15, 2015. The director of
32 the department of education shall submit to the governor and
33 the general assembly by November 16, 2015, a report that
34 includes the advisory council's report and the department's
35 recommendations for the establishment and long-term funding of

1 an Iowa principal leadership institute.

2 EXPLANATION

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

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