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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-seventh general assembly, 2018
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.

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EXPLANATION

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

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

1 state government, that uses, expends, or receives any state
2 funds.

3 New Code section 8.71 states legislative findings as to
4 the purposes for performing a regular review of programs
5 and projects. The committees on state government of the
6 senate and house of representatives are directed to propose
7 legislation for the eighty-seventh general assembly, 2018
8 session, providing a staggered schedule for establishing an
9 automatic repeal date for each program or project administered
10 by a department over the succeeding five-year period. The
11 committees on state government are required to consult with
12 the office of the governor and the department of management
13 in formulating the staggered schedule and the office and the
14 department are required to cooperate in providing information
15 requested by either committee. The repeal date provisions are
16 required to be implemented in a manner so that any program
17 or project that is reauthorized by law is again subject to
18 automatic repeal five years after reauthorization.