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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting an interim committee relating to
2 confidentiality provisions under Iowa's open records law.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE — PUBLIC RECORDS
2 AND CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS UNDER IOWA'S OPEN RECORDS LAW. The
3 legislative council is requested to establish a legislative
4 interim committee to meet during the 2018 interim to study and
5 discuss issues relating to the statutory designation of certain
6 public records as confidential records under chapter 22 (Iowa's
7 open records law). The committee shall work to develop a clear
8 statutory categorization of the terms "government records",
9 "public records", and "confidential records" to facilitate the
10 assignment of particular government records to each category,
11 and to provide a framework to better inform and provide
12 guidance to public record custodians relating to their rights
13 and responsibilities under chapter 22. In conducting the study
14 and developing recommendations, the committee shall consider
15 testimony from interested stakeholders, including but not
16 limited to representatives from the attorney general's office,
17 the Iowa public information board, the Iowa state association
18 of counties, the Iowa league of cities, and state and local
19 government agencies. The committee shall submit its findings
20 and recommendations to the general assembly by December 31,
21 2018.

22 EXPLANATION

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

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27 a legislative interim committee to meet during the 2018
28 interim to study and discuss issues relating to the statutory
29 designation of certain public records as confidential records
30 under Code chapter 22 (Iowa's open records law). The committee
31 is directed to develop a clear statutory categorization of the
32 terms "government records", "public records", and "confidential
33 records" to facilitate the assignment of particular government
34 records to each category, and to provide a framework to
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2 chapter 22. The committee is directed to submit its findings
3 and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
4 December 31, 2018.