

**House File 2138 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the creation of a unified educational data  
2 system task force.

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

1 Section 1. UNIFIED EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEM TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of education, in collaboration with the  
3 office of the chief information officer and the area education  
4 agencies, shall convene a unified educational data system task  
5 force to develop and recommend a comprehensive approach to  
6 data collection by the department. The task force shall, at a  
7 minimum, do all of the following:

8 a. Study the costs and benefits of creating a user-friendly  
9 uniform system that unifies data systems currently administered  
10 by the department, including but not limited to the education  
11 data warehouse, the student reporting in Iowa system, the  
12 unique student identifier system, and the Iowa transcript  
13 center. The study shall review the purpose and desired results  
14 prompting the collection of certain data and shall focus on  
15 improving efficiency, accuracy, and security of and access to  
16 the data collected.

17 b. Study the costs and benefits of utilizing a single,  
18 user-friendly, universal statewide student information system  
19 by which school districts and accredited nonpublic schools can  
20 submit necessary data to the department.

21 c. Identify measures by which the department may denote  
22 for users the purpose and results in aggregate of the data  
23 collected by the department.

24 d. Study the costs and means of developing and administering  
25 a training program that provides school administrators with the  
26 skills and experience necessary to use a unified educational  
27 data system to manage and submit the necessary data as required  
28 by the department.

29 e. Develop a formula to accurately, comprehensively, and  
30 meticulously calculate data used to determine, at a minimum,  
31 graduation rates, dropout rates, and enrollment in schools and  
32 school districts.

33 2. The task force shall consist of education stakeholders  
34 including but not limited to persons representing the  
35 department, the office of the chief information officer,

1 area education agencies, school districts which offer  
2 prekindergarten through grade twelve, the boards of directors  
3 of school districts, the authorities in charge of accredited  
4 nonpublic schools, teachers, administrators, parents, and  
5 postsecondary institutions.

6 3. The task force shall submit its findings and  
7 recommendations in a report to the state board of education and  
8 the general assembly by November 16, 2018.

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EXPLANATION

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

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