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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requesting the establishment of an interim study
- 2 committee by the legislative council relating to the
- 3 administration of the criminal justice system and utilizing
- 4 a justice reinvestment process.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROCESS INTERIM STUDY
 2 COMMITTEE.
- 3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish an
- 4 interim study committee to evaluate, study, and review the
- 5 administration of the criminal justice system by utilizing a
- 6 justice reinvestment process.
- 7 2. The committee shall engage the justice center of
- 8 the council of state governments and collaborate with
- 9 representatives appointed by the judicial branch, department
- 10 of corrections, department of justice, department of
- 11 public safety, Iowa county attorneys association, and other
- 12 stakeholders and shall review and consider data relating to the
- 13 administration of the criminal justice system with the goals
- 14 of improving public safety, reducing corrections and related
- 15 criminal justice spending, decreasing crime, and reducing
- 16 recidivism.
- 17 3. The committee shall consist of three members appointed
- 18 by the majority leader of the senate, two members appointed
- 19 by the minority leader of the senate, three members appointed
- 20 by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two
- 21 members appointed by the minority leader of the house of
- 22 representatives.
- 23 4. The committee shall issue a report to the general
- 24 assembly containing its findings and recommendations by January
- 25 1, 2019.
- 26 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 29 This bill requests that the legislative council establish
- 30 an interim study committee to evaluate, study, and review the
- 31 administration of the criminal justice system and utilize a
- 32 justice reinvestment process. The bill provides that the
- 33 committee shall engage the justice center of the council
- 34 of state governments and collaborate with representatives
- 35 appointed by the judicial branch, department of corrections,

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- 2 county attorneys association, and other stakeholders and shall
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- 4 criminal justice system with the goals of improving public
- 5 safety, reducing corrections and related criminal justice
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- 11 representatives, and two members appointed by the minority
- 12 leader of the house of representatives. The bill provides that
- 13 the committee shall submit findings and recommendations to the
- 14 general assembly by January 1, 2019.