

**House File 2274 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requesting an interim study committee on gender  
2 identity, the Iowa civil rights Act of 1965, and suicide by  
3 transgender individuals.

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

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE ON GENDER IDENTITY, THE  
2 IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, AND TRANSGENDER SUICIDE.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish a  
4 study committee for the 2020 interim to examine the outcomes of  
5 the inclusion of "gender identity" as a protected class under  
6 chapter 216, the Iowa civil rights Act of 1965, in 2007. In  
7 recognition that each and every human being is afforded dignity  
8 and valued as a child of God, the goal of the study committee  
9 shall be to engage in rigorous examination and expansive  
10 dialogue regarding issues relating to gender identity in order  
11 to end the tragedy of suicide by transgender individuals in  
12 this state.

13 2. The study committee shall explore the application  
14 of gender identity as a protected class as it relates to  
15 prisons, schools, private enterprise, freedom of expression,  
16 and other areas of relevance to determine if statutory changes  
17 pertaining to the terms "gender", "gender identity", "woman",  
18 "sex", or to other matters under chapter 216 are necessary or  
19 advisable. The study committee shall seek input from affected  
20 stakeholders.

21 3. The study committee shall have access to aggregate  
22 information on and copies of complaints filed with the Iowa  
23 civil rights commission regarding violations of chapter 216  
24 relating to gender identity. All information provided to  
25 the study committee pursuant to this subsection shall be  
26 confidential. The Iowa civil rights commission shall redact  
27 all personally identifiable information of any party or witness  
28 to a complaint prior to providing a copy of the complaint to  
29 the study committee.

30 4. The study committee shall consist of five members of  
31 the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority  
32 leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by  
33 the minority leader of the senate, and five members of the  
34 house of representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by  
35 the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom

1 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
2 representatives. Any other member of the general assembly may  
3 participate in the study committee's activities as a nonvoting  
4 member.

5 5. The interim committee shall submit its findings and  
6 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January  
7 11, 2021.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill requests that the legislative council establish  
12 a study committee of 10 members for the 2020 interim to  
13 examine the outcomes of the inclusion of "gender identity" as a  
14 protected class under Code chapter 216, the Iowa civil rights  
15 Act of 1965, in 2007. The goal of the study committee shall  
16 be to engage in rigorous examination and expansive dialogue  
17 regarding issues relating to gender identity in order to end  
18 the tragedy of suicide by transgender individuals in Iowa.

19 The study committee shall explore the application of  
20 gender identity as a protected class as it relates to prisons,  
21 schools, private enterprise, freedom of expression, and other  
22 areas of relevance to determine if statutory changes pertaining  
23 to the terms "gender", "gender identity", "woman", "sex",  
24 or to other matters under Code chapter 216 are necessary or  
25 advisable.

26 The study committee shall have access to aggregate  
27 information on and copies of complaints filed with the Iowa  
28 civil rights commission regarding violations of Code chapter  
29 216 relating to gender identity. Such information shall be  
30 confidential, and the commission shall redact personally  
31 identifiable information.

32 The interim committee shall submit its findings and  
33 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January  
34 11, 2021.