

House Study Bill 585 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study, plan, and report by the board
2 of regents concerning emergency preparedness and response
3 at outdoor stadiums controlled by the board and including
4 effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2020, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. *a.* Conduct a study regarding emergency
4 preparedness and response at outdoor stadiums controlled by
5 the board. The goal of the study shall be to formulate an
6 emergency preparedness and response plan for all such stadiums
7 in order to minimize any liability of a regents institution or
8 the state of Iowa in the event of a weather-related or other
9 emergency occurring at such a stadium. The study shall include
10 but not be limited to consideration of appropriate signage
11 directing the public to shelter in the event of an emergency;
12 adequacy of the number of exits at each stadium; availability
13 of sufficient, safe shelter in the event of an emergency; and
14 appropriate training of stadium personnel.

15 *b.* Develop and implement an emergency preparedness and
16 response plan for each outdoor stadium controlled by the board
17 no later than September 1, 2020, based on the findings of the
18 study. The board shall update such plans on an ongoing basis
19 as necessary.

20 *c.* Submit the board's findings and recommendations,
21 including any proposed legislation, from the study in a report
22 to the general assembly and the governor by January 1, 2021.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
24 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill requires the board of regents to conduct a study
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