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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an interim study committee to review and
2 consider criminal justice fairness and bail reform.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CRIMINAL JUSTICE FAIRNESS AND BAIL REFORM
2 INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE. The legislative council shall
3 establish an interim study committee consisting of five members
4 of the senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the majority
5 leader of the senate and two of whom shall be appointed by
6 the minority leader of the senate, and five members of the
7 house of representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by
8 the speaker of the house of representatives and two of whom
9 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
10 representatives. The committee shall meet during the 2019
11 legislative interim. The committee, in consultation with the
12 justice department, Iowa county attorneys association, office
13 of the state public defender, the Iowa state sheriffs' and
14 deputies' association, the Iowa peace officers association, and
15 other stakeholders, shall study issues relating to criminal
16 justice fairness and bail reform in Iowa. The committee shall
17 submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the
18 general assembly by January 13, 2020, for consideration by the
19 general assembly during the 2020 legislative session.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill establishes an interim study committee to review
24 and consider criminal justice fairness and bail reform.

25 The bill provides that the legislative council shall
26 establish an interim study committee composed of members of the
27 senate and house of representatives to meet during the 2019
28 legislative interim. The committee, in consultation with the
29 justice department, Iowa county attorneys association, office
30 of the state public defender, the Iowa state sheriffs' and
31 deputies' association, the Iowa peace officers association, and
32 other stakeholders, shall study issues relating to criminal
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