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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting an interim committee relating to evaluating
2 the current system of court debt collection.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE — EVALUATION OF
2 COURT DEBT COLLECTION SYSTEM. The legislative council is
3 requested to establish a legislative interim committee during
4 the 2019 interim to study and discuss issues relating to the
5 state's court debt collection system. The committee shall
6 develop a plan to reform the current system set forth in
7 section 602.8107 to better enable debtors to become free from
8 burdensome court debt. In conducting the study and developing
9 recommendations, the committee shall consider testimony
10 from interested stakeholders, including but not limited to
11 representatives from the judicial branch, the department of
12 corrections, the attorney general's office, the Iowa county
13 attorneys association, the state public defender's office, and
14 Iowa legal aid. The committee shall submit its findings and
15 recommendations to the general assembly by December 31, 2019.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill requests the legislative council to establish
20 a legislative interim committee during the 2019 interim to
21 study and discuss issues relating to the state's court debt
22 collection system. The committee is directed to work to
23 develop a plan to reform the current system set forth in Code
24 section 602.8107 to better enable debtors to become free from
25 court debt. The committee is directed to submit its findings
26 and recommendations to the general assembly by December 31,
27 2019.