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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to oversight of expenditures of federal funds  
2 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and including effective  
3 date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2.70 COVID-19 federal funds  
2 oversight committee established — executive branch report  
3 required.

4 1. A COVID-19 federal funds oversight committee is  
5 established which shall meet at least every six months to  
6 review the expenditure by the office of the governor and state  
7 agencies and departments of federal funds received for purposes  
8 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee shall meet as  
9 directed by the legislative council.

10 2. *a.* The committee shall consist of three members of the  
11 senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two  
12 members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the  
13 senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed  
14 by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members  
15 of the house of representatives appointed by the minority  
16 leader of the house of representatives.

17 *b.* Members shall be appointed during the first regular  
18 session of each general assembly and shall serve for terms  
19 ending upon the convening of the following general assembly  
20 or when their successors are appointed, whichever is later.  
21 A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
22 appointment and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired  
23 term of the vacancy.

24 *c.* The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice  
25 chairperson.

26 3. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for  
27 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
28 of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified  
29 in [section 2.10](#) for each day in which they engaged in the  
30 performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation  
31 and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is  
32 actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and  
33 per diem shall be paid from moneys appropriated pursuant to  
34 section 2.12.

35 4. The committee shall do all of the following:

1     *a.* Review the expenditure by the office of the governor  
2 and state agencies and departments of federal funds received  
3 for purposes relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but  
4 not limited to federal funds received by the state under the  
5 federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,  
6 Pub. L. No. 116-136, and any successor legislation.

7     *b.* Review the report submitted pursuant to subsection 5.

8     5. On or before April 30, 2021, and every six months  
9 thereafter, the department of management shall submit a report  
10 to the general assembly detailing each expenditure by the  
11 office of the governor and state agencies and departments of  
12 federal funds received for purposes relating to the COVID-19  
13 pandemic, including but not limited to federal funds received  
14 by the state under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
15 Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, and any successor  
16 legislation.

17     6. The committee may issue a report, including its findings  
18 and recommendations, to the general assembly at the committee's  
19 discretion. If the committee issues a report, the report shall  
20 be submitted to the general assembly within six months of the  
21 meeting on which the report is based.

22     7. This section is repealed July 1, 2023.

23     Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **11.5D Audit of expenditure of federal**  
24 **funds relating to COVID-19 pandemic.**

25     1. The auditor of state shall perform a continuous audit and  
26 examination of each expenditure by the office of the governor  
27 and state agencies and departments of federal funds received  
28 for purposes relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but  
29 not limited to federal funds received by the state under the  
30 federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,  
31 Pub. L. No. 116-136, and any successor legislation.

32     2. This section is repealed July 1, 2023.

33     Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act, being deemed of immediate  
34 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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**EXPLANATION**

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

3       This bill establishes a COVID-19 federal funds oversight  
4 committee that is required to meet at least every six months to  
5 review the expenditure by the office of the governor and state  
6 agencies and departments of federal funds received for purposes  
7 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the committee's  
8 duties, it is required to review a report submitted by the  
9 department of management detailing each such expenditure. The  
10 bill also requires the auditor of state to perform a continuous  
11 audit and examination of each such expenditure.

12       The bill takes effect upon enactment. The provisions of the  
13 bill are repealed July 1, 2023.