

Senate File 2234 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study committee to determine the costs
2 to the state, individuals, and families associated with the
3 enforcement of marijuana laws.

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

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY — STUDY OF COSTS
2 ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARIJUANA LAWS.

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4 the department of corrections and the department of health and
5 human services, shall convene a study committee to determine
6 the costs to the state, individuals, and families associated
7 with the enforcement of marijuana laws. The study committee
8 shall be made up of at least one stakeholder from each
9 department. Other stakeholders shall include a representative
10 of the court system, a juvenile court judge, a member from the
11 state public defender's office, and a representative from the
12 attorney general's office.

13 2. The study committee shall consider the costs to the
14 criminal justice system, from policing through corrections,
15 for the arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and incarceration
16 of marijuana users, dealers, and others involved in the drug
17 infrastructure; the financial effect on individuals with
18 convictions for marijuana offenses; and the financial costs to
19 families impacted by the enforcement of marijuana laws. The
20 study committee shall submit a report detailing its findings
21 and making recommendations to the governor and the general
22 assembly by December 15, 2024.

23 EXPLANATION

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

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27 costs to the state, individuals, and families associated with
28 the enforcement of marijuana laws.

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