

**House File 2043 - Introduced**

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BY WILLS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the payment of dues by the general assembly  
2 for membership in professional organizations by members of the  
3 general assembly, and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **2.34 Membership in professional**  
2 **organizations — dues payments.**

3 1. The general assembly shall not pay membership dues to a  
4 professional organization on behalf of all members of the general  
5 assembly, including but not limited to the national conference of  
6 state legislatures or the council of state governments.

7 2. The general assembly shall, on an annual basis, calculate  
8 the amount of dues that the general assembly would pay for  
9 membership in the national conference of state legislatures  
10 and the council of state governments and equally distribute  
11 the same amount of moneys to the members of the general  
12 assembly. A member of the general assembly shall only expend  
13 these moneys for the purpose of joining the national conference  
14 of state legislatures, the council of state governments, the  
15 American legislative exchange council, the national association  
16 of Christian lawmakers, Americans for prosperity, the education  
17 freedom alliance, the heritage foundation, the state legislative  
18 leaders foundation, the state policy network, the states project,  
19 or women in government.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect upon the  
21 convening of the first session of the Ninety-second General  
22 Assembly.

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.

26 This bill relates to the payment of dues by the general  
27 assembly for membership in professional organizations by members  
28 of the general assembly. The bill prohibits the general assembly  
29 from paying membership dues to a professional organization on  
30 behalf of all members of the general assembly, including but  
31 not limited to the national conference of state legislatures and  
32 the council of state governments. The bill requires the general  
33 assembly to instead calculate, on an annual basis, the amount  
34 of dues that the general assembly would pay for membership in  
35 the national conference of state legislatures and the council

1 of state governments and equally distribute the same amount of  
2 moneys to the members of the general assembly. Members of the  
3 general assembly shall only expend the moneys for the purpose of  
4 joining certain specified organizations, listed in the bill.

5 Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Iowa, the bill  
6 takes effect upon the convening of the first session of the 92nd  
7 General Assembly.

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