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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requesting that the legislative council establish an
2 interim study committee to plan an Iowa education summit to
3 be held in 2026.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE — IOWA
2 EDUCATION SUMMIT.

3 1. The legislative council is requested to establish an
4 interim study committee to meet during the 2025 legislative
5 interim to plan an Iowa education summit to be held in 2026. The
6 interim study committee shall do all of the following:

7 a. Determine a potential location, time, date, and agenda for
8 the Iowa education summit.

9 b. Study and determine educational leaders and presenters
10 who could speak during the Iowa education summit and provide
11 information related to best practices in education, including but
12 not limited to any of the following:

13 (1) Active learning.

14 (2) Differentiated instruction.

15 (3) Formative assessments.

16 (4) Providing constructive feedback.

17 (5) Using technology.

18 (6) Encouraging student, family, and community participation.

19 c. Develop a list of prospective guest speakers and keynote
20 speakers for the Iowa education summit, which may include but is
21 not limited to any of the following:

22 (1) Academics.

23 (2) Practitioners.

24 (3) Elected officials.

25 (4) Students.

26 (5) Parents.

27 d. Study any other issues that the interim study committee
28 determines are relevant to the planning and execution of the Iowa
29 education summit.

30 2. The interim study committee may solicit the advice or
31 testimony of any organization or individual with information or
32 expertise relevant to the purpose of the interim study committee.

33 3. a. The interim study committee shall include all of the
34 following members:

35 (1) Two state senators appointed by the majority leader of

1 the senate.

2 (2) Two state senators appointed by the minority leader of
3 the senate.

4 (3) Two state representatives appointed by the speaker of the
5 house of representatives.

6 (4) Two state representatives appointed by the minority
7 leader of the house of representatives.

8 (5) The director of the department of education, or the
9 director's designee.

10 (6) One superintendent who is employed by a school district
11 with a total enrollment of greater than or equal to five thousand
12 students.

13 (7) One superintendent who is employed by a school district
14 with a total enrollment of greater than or equal to one thousand
15 students but less than five thousand students.

16 (8) One superintendent who is employed by a school district
17 with a total enrollment of less than one thousand students.

18 (9) One special education teacher.

19 (10) One teacher who does not provide special education
20 programs or services.

21 (11) One teacher who provides early childhood education.

22 (12) Two teachers who are employed by accredited nonpublic
23 schools.

24 (13) Two teachers who are employed by charter schools or
25 innovation zone schools.

26 (14) Two employees of area education agencies.

27 b. The interim study committee shall elect one of its members
28 as chairperson.

29 4. On or before December 18, 2025, the interim study
30 committee shall submit a report to the general assembly and the
31 governor that includes all of the following:

32 a. A proposed agenda, time, date, and location of the Iowa
33 education summit.

34 b. Potential guest speakers and keynote speakers for the Iowa
35 education summit.

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EXPLANATION

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

This bill requests that the legislative council establish an interim study committee to plan an Iowa education summit to be held in 2026. The bill establishes the specific responsibilities of the interim study committee, which include determining a location, time, date, and agenda for the Iowa education summit; studying and determining the educational leaders and presenters who could speak during the Iowa education summit and provide information related to best practices in education; developing a list of prospective guest speakers and keynote speakers; and studying any other issues that the interim study committee determines are relevant to the planning and execution of the Iowa education summit. The interim study committee is authorized to solicit the advice or testimony of any organization or individual with information or expertise relevant to the purpose of the interim study committee.

The bill establishes the membership of the interim study committee. The bill requires the interim study committee to, on or before December 18, 2025, submit a report to the general assembly and the governor that includes a proposed agenda, time, date, and location of the Iowa education summit, and potential guest speakers and keynote speakers for the Iowa education summit.