

**House Study Bill 277 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for a study of establishing an institution of  
2 higher education governed by the state board of regents in  
3 Pottawattamie county or a contiguous county.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. REGENTS INSTITUTION — POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY —  
2 STUDY. The department of education shall conduct a study  
3 of the feasibility of establishing an institution of higher  
4 education governed by the state board of regents, which offers  
5 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, in Pottawattamie  
6 county or a contiguous county. The study shall also include a  
7 recommendation of the city in the specified region that would be  
8 most suitable for the location of such an institution, tentative  
9 timelines in which such an institution could be established and  
10 become operational, and analysis of key determinations that must  
11 be made to effectuate such establishment. The department may  
12 consult with any relevant federal, state, or local agencies or  
13 stakeholders to carry out the study. The department shall submit  
14 a report with its findings and recommendations to the governor  
15 and the general assembly by December 31, 2025.

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 requires the department of education to conduct a  
20 study of the feasibility of establishing an institution of higher  
21 education governed by the state board of regents, which offers  
22 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, in Pottawattamie  
23 county or a contiguous county. The study shall also include a  
24 recommendation of the city in the specified region that would be  
25 most suitable for the location of such an institution, tentative  
26 timelines in which such an institution could be established and  
27 become operational, and analysis of key determinations that must  
28 be made to effectuate such establishment. The bill authorizes  
29 the department to consult with any relevant federal, state, or  
30 local agencies or stakeholders to carry out the study. The bill  
31 requires the department to submit a report with its findings  
32 and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by  
33 December 31, 2025.