

Senate File 2359 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2359
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2143)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to selection committees for presidents of regents
2 institutions.

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

unofficial

1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "University President Selection Reform Act".

3 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2026,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 b. (1) When electing a president of an institution of higher
6 learning, the board ~~may~~ shall use a presidential selection
7 committee. ~~Only members of the board shall serve as voting~~
8 ~~members of a presidential selection committee.~~ The committee
9 shall recommend the most well-qualified candidates considered
10 by the committee to the board. The board shall only elect a
11 president from the recommended candidates. The committee may do
12 any of the following in carrying out its duties:

13 (a) Contract for and use the services of any person engaged
14 in the business of placing highly qualified job candidates in
15 leadership positions.

16 (b) Use moneys allocated to the committee by the board.

17 (2) The identity of a candidate being considered by the
18 committee shall be confidential for purposes of chapter 22 and
19 shall not be subject to public disclosure unless the identity of
20 the candidate is made public by agreement of all voting members
21 of the committee.

22 (3) (a) A presidential selection committee shall consist of
23 five voting members who shall be members of the board.

24 (b) A presidential selection committee shall also consist of
25 the following nonvoting members selected by the board:

26 (i) A student enrolled at the institution.

27 (ii) A member of the faculty senate at the institution.

28 (iii) One other employee of the institution.

29 (iv) One member who is either a graduate of the institution,
30 a member of a nonprofit foundation acting solely for the support
31 of the institution, or a member of the public.

32 EXPLANATION

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

35 Under current law, the state board of regents may use a

1 presidential selection committee when electing a president of an
2 institution of higher learning under the control of the board.

3 Only board members can serve as voting members of the committee.

4 This bill requires the board to use such a committee and
5 specifies committee membership. The committee must recommend the
6 most well-qualified candidates considered by the committee to the
7 board, which shall only elect a president from the recommended
8 candidates.

9 The bill authorizes a committee to contract for and use the
10 services of any person engaged in the business of placing highly
11 qualified job candidates in leadership positions and to use
12 moneys allocated to the committee by the board.

13 The bill provides that the identity of a candidate being
14 considered by the committee shall be confidential for purposes of
15 Code chapter 22 (open records) and shall not be subject to public
16 disclosure unless the identity of the candidate is made public by
17 agreement of all voting members of the committee.