

**House File 2795 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2712)

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 623)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act convening an early childhood Iowa study committee.

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

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — EARLY  
2 CHILDHOOD IOWA STUDY COMMITTEE.

3 1. The department of health and human services shall convene  
4 a study committee during the 2026 legislative interim to review  
5 the most efficient means to transition home visiting services  
6 offered through an early childhood Iowa area, as that term is  
7 defined in section 256I.1, to another system based on districts  
8 created by the department of health and human services and  
9 to implement the transition with minimal disruption to home  
10 visitation services. At a minimum, the study committee shall  
11 review all of the following:

12 a. The financial and logistical consequences to the early  
13 childhood Iowa system and home visitation services.

14 b. The effects on statewide access to services currently  
15 provided through early childhood Iowa, including but not  
16 limited to the quality of services and the coordination between  
17 providers and the department.

18 c. The impact on rural and underserved communities.

19 d. Possible courses of action to transition home visitation  
20 services to ensure the early childhood Iowa system remains  
21 viable and effective in the long term.

22 2. a. The study committee's voting members shall consist  
23 of the following:

24 (1) Two members of the senate appointed by the senate  
25 majority leader.

26 (2) One member of the senate appointed by the senate  
27 minority leader.

28 (3) Two members of the house of representatives appointed  
29 by the house majority leader.

30 (4) One member of the house of representatives appointed by  
31 the house minority leader.

32 b. The study committee's nonvoting members shall consist of  
33 the following:

34 (1) Two members of the association of early childhood Iowa  
35 area boards and advocates appointed by the association of early

1 childhood Iowa area boards and advocates.

2 (2) Two early childhood Iowa stakeholders appointed by the  
3 association of early childhood Iowa area boards and advocates.

4 (3) Two persons with relevant expertise appointed by the  
5 association of early childhood Iowa area boards and advocates.

6 (4) Two representatives of the department of health and  
7 human services.

8 (5) One representative of the department of education.

9 (6) One representative of the department of workforce  
10 development.

11 (7) One representative of the economic development  
12 authority.

13 3. The department of health and human services shall  
14 cooperate with any formal request for data from the study  
15 committee. All personal identifying information shall be  
16 redacted prior to submitting the requested data to the study  
17 committee.

18 4. The study committee shall engage with early childhood  
19 Iowa area boards, persons who provide services through an early  
20 childhood Iowa area, and families who receive services through  
21 an early childhood Iowa area by means including but not limited  
22 to public input sessions throughout the state.

23 5. The study committee shall submit a final report with the  
24 study committee's findings and recommendations to the general  
25 assembly no later than January 8, 2027.

26 EXPLANATION

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

29 This bill requires the department of health and human  
30 services (HHS) to convene an early childhood Iowa study  
31 committee (committee) during the 2026 legislative interim to  
32 review the most efficient means to transition home visiting  
33 services offered through an early childhood Iowa (ECI) area  
34 to another system based on districts created by HHS, and to  
35 implement the transition with minimal disruption to home

1 visiting services. The bill details the minimum information  
2 the committee must review and the membership of the committee.

3 The bill requires HHS to cooperate with any formal request  
4 for data from the committee. All personal identifying  
5 information shall be redacted prior to submitting the requested  
6 data to the committee.

7 The committee is required to engage with certain persons  
8 regarding ECI services as detailed in the bill, by means  
9 including but not limited to public input sessions throughout  
10 the state.

11 The bill requires the committee to submit a final report  
12 with the study committee's findings and recommendations to the  
13 general assembly no later than January 8, 2027.