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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1163)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate April 3, 2013)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the activities and duties of the state board  
2 of regents and the board's administrative office.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 262.3 Board and board office —  
2 prohibited activities.

3 1. A member of the state board of regents, the executive  
4 director of the board, and professional staff employed for  
5 the administration of the board's office shall not have any  
6 business or financial relationship with any person employed by  
7 an institution governed by the board.

8 2. A person who registers as a lobbyist pursuant to section  
9 68B.36 on behalf of a person who is a member of the state  
10 board of regents or on behalf of that member's business or  
11 employer shall not, within two years after the termination of  
12 such service or employment as a lobbyist, become a lobbyist,  
13 state relations officer, or governmental liaison for any  
14 office, program, or department of an institution governed or  
15 administered by the board.

16 Sec. 2. Section 262.8, Code 2013, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 **262.8 Meetings — public forums — public readings.**

19 1. The board shall meet four times a year. Special meetings  
20 may be called by the board, by the president of the board, or  
21 by the executive director of the board upon written request of  
22 any five members thereof.

23 2. Each regular meeting of the state board of regents  
24 shall begin with at least thirty minutes for public comment if  
25 requested by members of the public. A member of the public  
26 shall be granted up to five minutes to make comments and may be  
27 granted more time by a member of the board.

28 3. At least two members of the state board of regents  
29 shall hold public forums at which issues relating to the  
30 activities of the board and the institutions the board governs  
31 can be discussed and addressed. The forums shall provide  
32 the community with opportunities to pose questions, receive  
33 answers, and make comments. The board shall divide the state  
34 into at least four geographic regions, including but not  
35 limited to northwest, southwest, northeast, and southeast Iowa,

1 and shall hold a forum in accordance with this subsection in  
2 each region at least quarterly. The forums shall be held  
3 outside the metropolitan areas in which institutions of higher  
4 learning governed by the state board are located and outside  
5 of a metropolitan area within the state that has a population  
6 of two hundred thousand or more. Notice of a forum shall be  
7 prominently posted on the board's internet site at least two  
8 weeks prior to the date of the forum.

9 4. The board shall hold public readings of a proposal at two  
10 regular meetings of the board before the board takes action on  
11 a proposal before the board if the proposal affects an academic  
12 program at an institution governed by the board, or if the  
13 estimated cost of the proposal is one hundred thousand dollars  
14 or more. A quorum of the board must be physically present at  
15 any board meeting that includes a public reading required by  
16 this subsection. The affirmative vote of a majority of the  
17 membership of the board is necessary for any action to be taken  
18 by the board on a proposal subject to this subsection.

19 Sec. 3. Section 262.9C, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2013, are  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 2. The target span of control aggregate ratio of supervisory  
22 employees to other employees shall be one to ~~fifteen~~ fourteen.  
23 The target span of control ratio shall not apply to employees  
24 involved with direct patient care, faculty, and employees in  
25 other areas of the institutions that must maintain different  
26 span of control ratios due to federal or state regulations.

27 5. The state board of regents shall present an interim  
28 report to the governor and general assembly on or before April  
29 1, 2010, ~~with~~ and annual updates thereafter, detailing the  
30 effects of the policy on the composition of the workforce, cost  
31 savings, efficiencies, and outcomes. In addition, the report  
32 and annual updates shall identify those departments within each  
33 institution ~~under the control of~~ governed by the board granted  
34 an exception by the board to the policy as provided in this  
35 section.

1     Sec. 4. Section 262.12, Code 2013, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     **262.12 Committees and administrative offices under board.**

4     1. The board of regents shall also have and exercise  
5 all the powers necessary and convenient for the effective  
6 administration of its office and of the institutions under  
7 its control, and to this end may create such committees,  
8 offices and agencies from its own members or others, and employ  
9 persons to staff the same, fix their compensation and tenure  
10 and delegate thereto, or to the administrative officers and  
11 faculty of the institutions under its control, such part of the  
12 authority and duties vested by statute in the board, and shall  
13 formulate and establish such rules, outline such policies and  
14 prescribe such procedures therefor, all as may be desired or  
15 determined by the board as recorded in their minutes.

16     2. The board of regents shall publish on its internet  
17 site specific criteria, including qualification requirements  
18 and preferences, for electing a president of any institution  
19 of higher learning governed by the board pursuant to section  
20 262.9, subsection 2.