

Studies Compilation

2025 Legislative Interim Study Information

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Overview. This is a compilation of studies and studies-related information, including legislative appointments, mandated reports by the executive branch, and major state board and commission changes, for consideration by the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council. Except for the list of executive branch studies, items are listed in bill or resolution order. Attached to the compilation is an appendix containing the original legislation or document that caused the item to be included. Each appendix item is marked to correspond with the listing number in this document; for example, item 1 under part A is marked as A-1.

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A. Mandated or Authorized Legislative Studies in Code or Session Law

1. The **Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee** is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee consists of five legislators from each chamber, appointed by the Legislative Council, and may meet annually during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and to make recommendations. (Iowa Code §2.45(5))
2. The **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** is created as a permanent legislative committee with three Senate members, three House members, an employee of the Office of the Governor, the Director of the Department of Management or the Director's designee, and the Director of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing or the Director's designee, that meets every year to review one quarter of all boards of this state. (Iowa Code §4A.3, 4A.6)
3. The **Public Retirement Systems Committee**, in accordance with Iowa Code §97D.4, is required to review and evaluate all public retirement systems in place in Iowa, including the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (Iowa Code chapter 411), the Department of Public

Safety Police Officers' Retirement System (PORS), and the Judicial Retirement System. The committee usually meets during the legislative interim of odd-numbered years and last met during the 2023 Legislative Interim. (Iowa Code §97D.4)

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

1. The Legislative Council is requested to convene an interim study committee to examine and make recommendations regarding the **operation of all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles on highways**. The study committee shall submit a proposed bill or a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the General Assembly by January 12, 2026. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 659, §40)
2. The Legislative Council is requested to convene an interim study committee to review topics related to **subacute mental health care services**. The study committee shall submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the General Assembly by January 12, 2026. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 659, §41)

C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Adopted or Filed Resolutions

None.

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

1. The Legislative Council is requested to convene an interim study committee to study and make recommendations regarding **Iowa's public safety answering points and compliance with requirements for transition to Next Generation 911**. The Legislative Council is requested to authorize multiple meeting dates for the study committee. (Letter from Representative Eric Gjerde dated May 27, 2025)

E. Executive Branch Studies Involving Legislative Appointments or a Special Directive

Education-Related Items

1. The **State Board of Regents** is required to conduct a study regarding **maintaining tuition costs for certain undergraduate students** and submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly, including its findings and recommendations, by November 30, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 440, §4)
2. The **University of Iowa**, in collaboration with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, is required to submit a report regarding **states in which medical and dental graduates and residents reside and practice** annually to the General Assembly. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 516, §2)
3. The **University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics** are required to submit a report regarding **medical residency position interviews granted to certain applicants** to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15 of each year. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 516,

§4)

4. The **Department of Education** is required to convene a work group to **review and develop a plan to ensure necessary health care training for school personnel**. The Department shall compile the work group's findings and submit the compilation, including any proposed legislation, to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Board of Education by December 31, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 835, §2)
5. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a report regarding **activities, projects, and programs funded with moneys appropriated for capacity building infrastructure** to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 645, §11(1)(b)(1)(c))
6. The **Iowa State University of Science and Technology** is required to submit a report regarding the **total amount of private contributions, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed and nondirected research** annually to the General Assembly. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 645, §11(1)(b)(2)(d))
7. The **Department of Education** is required to submit a report regarding **antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 647, §2(1)(b))
8. The **Iowa Reading Research Center** is required to submit a report regarding collaborations with the State Board of Education relating to the **approval of practitioner preparation programs** and collaborations with the Board of Educational Examiners for the **establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement**. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 647, §2(16)(b))
9. A health care organization **receiving moneys to provide grief and loss services to children** shall submit a report regarding the **expenditure of moneys for the implementation of a grief and loss rural pilot program for children in rural areas** to the General Assembly by September 30, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 647, §2(18)(b))
10. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a **quarterly financial report** to the General Assembly. The report submitted for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, shall include the **five-year graduation rates for the regents universities**. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 647, §6(1)(a))

Public Safety-Related Items

11. The **State Fire Marshal** is required to conduct a study regarding the **efficacy of a structure of countywide fire protection services** and submit a report including its findings to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026. The study shall be conducted in consultation with four members of the General Assembly. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 659, §38)

Economic Development-Related Items

12. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit a report regarding **activities of the tourism office funded by appropriated moneys** to the General

Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 645, §2(6)(c))

13. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit a report regarding **any form of financial assistance awarded to a person during the prior fiscal year under an economic development program** to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 645, §4)
14. The **Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division** of the Department of Workforce Development is required to submit a report regarding the **division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 645, §8(6)(a))

Health and Human Services-Related Items

15. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding **disbursements from the Opioid Settlement Fund** in the previous fiscal year by November 1 of each year to the Governor and General Assembly. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 1038, §1(2)(b)(3)(d))
16. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding the **expenditure of moneys for which nonreversion was authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024**, to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 1049, §38)
17. The **Commissioner of Insurance**, or the Commissioner's designee, is required to submit a report regarding **pharmacy services administrative organizations and the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs** to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 383, §10)
18. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a **proposed plan for the use of federal social services block grant moneys**, along with the Department's budget requests, to the Governor and General Assembly. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 626, §12)

Defense-Related Items

19. The **Department of Public Defense** is required to submit a report regarding **maintenance and improvement projects at Iowa National Guard facilities** to the General Assembly by December 15, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 1039, §1(8)(d))

Justice Systems-Related Items

20. The **Department of Justice** is required to submit a report regarding **funding from sources other than direct appropriations and revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 644, §1(2))
21. The **Department of Corrections** is required to submit a report regarding **private sector employment of offenders** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 644, §7(2))

22. The **Department of Corrections** is required to submit a report regarding **electronic monitoring of offenders** by January 15, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 644, §8)
23. The **Judicial Branch** is required to submit a report regarding **moneys received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund** and **plans for expenditures from each fund** to the General Assembly by January 1, 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 648, §1(8))

Veterans-Related Items

24. The **Department of Veterans Affairs** is required to submit the **Iowa Veterans Home expenditure reports** to the General Assembly on a monthly basis. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 1049, §1(2))

Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items

25. The **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** is required to submit a report describing the **expenditure of moneys appropriated to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs** to the General Assembly and the Department of Management in each quarter of the fiscal year. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 646, §1(3))
26. The **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** is required to submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, regarding the **Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program** to the Governor and General Assembly annually by January 15. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 646, §6)
27. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report describing the **expenditure of moneys appropriated to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs** to the General Assembly and the Department of Management in each quarter of the fiscal year. (2025 Iowa Acts, SF 646, §8(3))

Administration and Regulation-Related Items

28. The **Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing** is required to submit a report concerning the department's activities related to **fraud in public assistance programs** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 1044, §7(3)(b))

F. Mandatory and Requested Future Legislative-Related Studies

1. The **Director of the Center for Intellectual Freedom** is required to submit an annual report regarding the **achievements of the center** as well as **opportunities, challenges, and obstacles** in the development of the center to the General Assembly annually by December 31 beginning in 2026. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 437, §11)

G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Changed in 2025 Acts

None.

H. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Abolished in 2025 Acts

- 1. The Title Guaranty Division Board** is eliminated. (2025 Iowa Acts, HF 975, §23, 24)