

Studies Compilation

2026 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)

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

- 1.** The Legislative Council is requested to convene an interim study committee to review and make recommendations regarding the **Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Program**. The study committee shall submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the General

Assembly by December 15, 2026. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2799, §32)

2. The Legislative Council is requested to convene an interim study committee to review and make recommendations regarding the most efficient means to transition the **Early Childhood Iowa program from home visiting services to another system based on districts created by the Department of Health and Human Services**. The study shall submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, or a bill draft, to the General Assembly by January 8, 2027. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2488, §25)

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

None

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

None

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

Education-Related Items

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)
2. The **Department of Education** is required to submit a study on the **systematic implementation of considerations of statewide lower division general education framework and common course numbering systems** to the General Assembly by December 31, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF2610, §15)
3. The **Department of Education** is required to convene a working group and submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, regarding **best practices related to the use of school-provided technology in educational contexts** to the General Assembly by December 31, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2676, §19)
4. The **Department of Education** is required to convene a task force and submit a report, including findings and recommendations, regarding **required teacher training and licensure renewal requirements** to the General Assembly by December 31, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2754, §76)
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, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §10(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. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §10(1)(b)(2)(d))
7. 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**. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2783, §2(16)(b))
8. 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. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2783, §2(18)(b))
9. 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, 2026, shall include the **five-year graduation rates for the regents universities**. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2783, §6(1)(a))
10. The **Department of Education** is required to compile and submit annual reports from a rural school district and an urban school district participating in the **attendance centers for students requiring special education or students with behavioral issues pilot program** to the General Assembly by June 30 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2428, §3(5))
11. The **Department of Education** is required to submit a report regarding **cardiac emergency response plans and automated external defibrillators in schools** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2474, §2)

Public Safety-Related Items

12. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a **plan to increase the availability of services to juvenile victims of human trafficking** to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 1036, §10 and HF 2800, §81)
13. A **nonprofit organization contracted to provide services to sexual assault survivors** is required to submit an annual report describing, in an aggregated and anonymized form, **services offered and clients served by the nonprofit organization** to the Attorney General and General Assembly by January 15 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2794, §1(4)(e))

Economic Development-Related Items

14. The **Iowa Propane Education and Research Council** is required to submit an annual report regarding the **income, expenses, audits, and activities of the council** to the General Assembly. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 704, §6)
15. The **Department of Management** is required to submit regarding **projects funded from the Technology Reinvestment Fund** to the General Assembly by January 15 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 1028, §2(4))
16. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit an annual report regarding

activities of the tourism office funded by moneys appropriated by the General Assembly to the General Assembly by January 15. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §2(5)(c))

17. 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, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §4)
18. 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, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §8(5)(a))
19. The **Iowa Finance Authority**, in coordination with a nonprofit Iowa affiliate, is required to submit a report describing the **community, economic, and financial impact of the housing renewal program** to the General Assembly annually by December 31. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2772, §12(8))
20. The **Mississippi River Parkway Commission** is required to submit a report regarding the **economic impact of the Great River Road on this state** to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2088, §34)
21. The **Treasurer of State** is required to submit an **annual audited financial report of the FirstHome Iowa Program Trust** to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2472, §31)
22. The **Department of Revenue** is required to convene a task force and submit a report, including recommended legislative actions, regarding a **program for the collection of payments in lieu of property taxes from owners of property that is exempt from ad valorem property taxes**. The department shall submit the report to the General Assembly by January 10, 2027. The task force includes four members of the General Assembly as ex officio, nonvoting members. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2472, §120)

Health and Human Services-Related Items

23. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding **participation in the State Child Care Assistance Program** to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2514, §1(4))
24. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding the state's ability to **establish subacute mental health care services, and additional psychiatric inpatient services at the state mental health institute** to the chairpersons of the legislative committees on Health and Human Services and Appropriations by January 4, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2543, §6)
25. The **Department of Health and Human Services**, in collaboration with each area agency on aging, is required to submit a report regarding the **redesignation of planning and service areas** to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2707, §23)
26. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to report the **transfer of moneys to support continuing alignment efforts, maximize federal support, and secure**

necessary resources to implement and administer services for which the moneys were appropriated to the General Assembly. The department is also required to report the **allocations and full-time equivalent positions for each division of the department** to chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by December 1, 2026, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2782, §21(1))

27. 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, 2026**, to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2782, §23)
28. The **Director of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding **provider reimbursement rates for certain medical and health services** to the General Assembly by January 15 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2782, §29)
29. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding **expenditures for behavioral health services for adults and children** by December 15 of each year. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2782, §37)
30. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report detailing **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payment error rates** to the General Assembly for each fiscal quarter, beginning with the fiscal quarter that starts on October 1, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2422, §5)

Defense-Related Items

31. 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, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2484, §1(10)(e))

Justice Systems-Related Items

32. The **Judicial Branch** is required to submit **monthly financial statements** to the Legislative Services Agency. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2769, §1(3))
33. The **Judicial Branch** is required to submit a semiannual update regarding **finances, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System** to the Legislative Services Agency. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2769, §1(7))
34. 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 and the Department of Management by January 1, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2769, §1(8))
35. 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, 2027. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2770, §1(2))

Veterans-Related Items

36. The **Department of Veterans Affairs** is required to submit the **Iowa Veterans Home**

expenditure reports to the General Assembly on a monthly basis. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2782, §1(2))

Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items

37. 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. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2771, §1(3))
38. 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. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2771, §7(3))
39. 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 July 31. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2465, §7)

Administration and Regulation-Related Items

40. 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, 2026. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2768, §7(3)(b))

F. Mandatory and Requested Future Legislative-Related Studies

1. The **Board of Pharmacy** is required to submit a report regarding the **implementation of rules to improve the accessibility of prescription-related measures by persons who are blind, visually impaired, or have other print disabilities, including recommendations for additional measures**, to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2028. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2585, §2)
2. The **State Board of Regents** is required to annually submit a report regarding the **progress and implementation of nuclear energy workforce programs** to the General Assembly beginning January 15, 2028. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2757, §1(3))
3. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, regarding **performance, reliability, and maintenance of proprietary treatment systems** to the General Assembly by January 10, 2029. (2026 Iowa Acts, HF 2800, §49)
4. The **judicial branch** is required to submit a report regarding the **performance of the business court** to the General Assembly by January 1, 2029. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 639, §15)
5. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a report regarding **pediatric cancer research programs at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital advanced as a result of appropriations made from additional taxes imposed on alternative nicotine and vapor products** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2028, and each December 1 thereafter. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2480, §3(1)(b))

G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Changed in 2026 Acts

1. The membership of the **County Commission of Veteran Affairs** is changed. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 93, §1)
No legislative appointments required.
2. The name of the **Mississippi Parkway Planning Commission** is changed to the **Mississippi River Parkway Commission** and the membership of the commission is changed. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2088, §33)
No legislative appointments required.
3. The membership of the **Workforce Development Board** is changed. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2168, §§30-32)
No new legislative appointments required.
4. The name of the **Board of Physician Assistants** is changed to **Board of Physician Associates**. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2190, §3)
5. The **Iowa-Ireland Trade Commission** is established. (2026 Iowa Acts, SF 2411, §1)
Legislative appointments required. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

H. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Abolished in 2026 Acts

None