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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the board of educational examiners to convene an
2 educator licensing review working group.

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

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1 Section 1. EDUCATOR LICENSING REVIEW WORKING GROUP.

2 1. The board of educational examiners, in consultation
3 with the department of education, shall convene a working
4 group to identify and recommend measures to improve Iowa's
5 current teacher and administrator preparation and licensing
6 practices. The working group shall review the current teacher
7 and administrator preparation and licensing processes to
8 identify essential standards to maintain quality preparation
9 and licensing requirements for teachers and administrators.

10 The review shall also do the following:

11 a. Identify state laws and agency rules that are no longer
12 essential to maintain quality.

13 b. Compare Iowa's teacher and administrator preparation
14 and licensing practices with those of neighboring states, and
15 identify those areas where Iowa's practices differ from, or
16 are consistent with, the practices of the states neighboring
17 Iowa.

18 c. Identify potential barriers preventing teacher and
19 administrator candidates from neighboring states from applying
20 for licensure in Iowa.

21 2. The working group shall consist of teachers,
22 administrators, and representatives of the department of
23 education, the state board of education, the board of
24 educational examiners, and practitioner preparation
25 institutions.

26 3. The working group shall submit its findings and
27 recommendations to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
28 senate and house standing education committees and the joint
29 appropriations subcommittee on education by January 15, 2006.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill directs the board of educational examiners, in
32 consultation with the department of education, to convene an
33 educator licensing review working group to improve Iowa's
34 current teacher and administrator preparation and licensing
35 practices by identifying standards essential for the

1 maintenance of quality preparation and licensure requirements
2 for teachers and administrators, identifying state laws and
3 agency rules that are no longer essential to maintain quality,
4 comparing Iowa's teacher and administrator preparation and
5 licensing practices with those of neighboring states, and
6 identifying potential barriers preventing teacher and
7 administrator candidates from neighboring states from applying
8 for licensure in Iowa.

9 The working group must submit its findings and
10 recommendations to the chairpersons and ranking members of the
11 senate and house standing education committees and the joint
12 appropriations subcommittee on education by January 15, 2006.

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