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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of education to conduct a study
2 of educational sign language interpreter salaries and
3 compensation.

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

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1 Section 1. EDUCATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER STUDY.
2 The department of education shall conduct a study of school
3 district and area education agency salary and compensation
4 schedules for persons who have met the training, assessment,
5 and certification requirements to become educational sign
6 language interpreters and who provide interpretation services
7 as a professional member of a public school or area education
8 agency staff. The study shall include a review of the
9 compensation paid to sign language interpreters who are
10 similarly trained and certified and who provide services in
11 the Iowa judicial branch and in school districts in
12 neighboring states. The department shall submit its findings
13 and recommendations in a report to the chairpersons and
14 ranking members of the general assembly's committees on
15 education and the chairpersons and ranking members of the
16 joint appropriations subcommittee on education by January 15,
17 2007. The department shall also publish the report on its
18 website not later than January 15, 2007.

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EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the department of education to conduct a
21 study of school district and area education agency salary and
22 compensation schedules for persons who are educational sign
23 language interpreters who provide interpretation services as a
24 professional member of a public school or area education
25 agency staff. The study shall include a review of the salary
26 and compensation schedules for sign language interpreters who
27 are similarly trained and certified and who provide services
28 in the Iowa judicial branch and in school districts in
29 neighboring states. The department shall submit its findings
30 and recommendations in a report to the chairperson and ranking
31 member of the house and senate education committees and the
32 chairperson and ranking member of the joint subcommittee on
33 education appropriations by January 15, 2007. The department
34 shall also publish the report on its website not later than
35 January 15, 2007.