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A BILL FOR

AN ACT to create a budget and financial control committee with certain powers relating to state budget and finance, and to abolish the retrenchment and reform committee and transfer its powers to the budget and financial control committee.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Committee created. There is hereby created a
2 committee to be known as the budget and financial control com-
3 mittee, which shall have eight members. Four of said members
4 shall be members of the house of representatives and appointed
5 by the speaker of the house of representatives. Four of the
6 members shall be members of the senate and appointed by the
7 president of the senate.

1 Sec. 2. Terms of office—vacancies. The terms of office
2 for the committee members shall be six years beginning February
3 first after the convening of the general assembly in regular
4 session. Any vacancies occurring on the committee shall be
5 filled by appointment for the unexpired term made in the same
6 manner as original appointments. A vacancy shall exist whenever
7 a committee member ceases to be a member of the general assembly.

8 The expiration of terms of office of the membership of

9 said committee shall be staggered, and in order to achieve
10 that purpose the initial appointments of members by the
11 speaker of the house shall be of two members for two year
12 terms and one member each for four and six year terms, and
13 initial appointments by the president of the senate shall be
14 of one member each for two and six year terms and two members
15 for four year terms.

1 Sec. 3. Authorized purposes of committee. The authorized
2 purposes of the budget and financial control committee shall be
3 as follows:

4 1. Budget. To gather information relative to budget
5 matters for the purpose of aiding the legislature to properly
6 appropriate money for the functions of government, and to
7 report their findings to the legislature.

8 2. Examination. Said committee shall examine into the
9 reports and official acts of the executive council and of each
10 officer, board, commission, and department of the state, in
11 respect to the conduct and expenditures thereof and the
12 receipts and disbursements of public funds thereby.

13 3. Reorganization. The committee shall make a continuous
14 study of all offices, agencies, boards, commissions, and
15 departments of the state government and shall determine and
16 recommend to each session of the legislature what changes
17 therein are necessary to accomplish the following purposes:

18 (a) To reduce expenditures and promote economy to the
19 fullest extent consistent with the efficient operation of

20 state government ;

21 (b) To increase the efficiency of the operations of the
22 state government to the fullest extent practicable within the
23 available revenues ;

24 (c) To group, coordinate, and consolidate judicial
25 districts, agencies and functions of the government, as nearly
26 as may be according to major purposes ;

27 (d) To reduce the number of offices, agencies, boards,
28 commissions, and departments by consolidating those having
29 similar functions under a single head, and to abolish such
30 offices, agencies, boards, commissions and departments, or
31 functions thereof, as may not be necessary for the efficient
32 and economical conduct of state government ; and

33 (e) To eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort
34 on the part of such offices, agencies, boards, commissions
35 and departments of the state government.

36 (1. New. 2. 2.47, C50, revised. 3. 53GA, Ch254, sec. 4)

1 Sec. 4. Powers and duties. For the purpose of carrying
2 out the foregoing authorized purposes, the committee shall
3 have the following powers and duties.

4 1. Organization. To elect one of their own number
5 chairman and to determine their own method of procedure.

6 2. Meetings. To hold regular monthly meetings at the
7 office of the state comptroller. Five members shall constitute
8 a quorum.

9 3. Special meetings. To meet on call of the chairman or

10 any three members.

11 4. Record. To make a record of its meetings and
12 transactions which shall be kept in the office of the secretary
13 of state and shall be open to public inspection.

14 5. Subpoenas. To summon and examine witnesses, administer
15 oaths, compel the production of books and papers and punish for
16 contempt in the conduct of any investigation.

17 6. Investigators. To employ its own investigators and
18 other necessary personnel and pay for same from funds not
19 otherwise appropriated.

20 7. Suggestions to governor. To make suggestions to the
21 governor concerning the committee's opinion as to what ought
22 to be included in the budget.

23 8. Departmental cooperation. To require all departments,
24 bureaus, and commissions of the state to cooperate and furnish
25 such information as the committee may from time to time desire.
26 The office and facilities of the state comptroller shall be
27 available to the committee for its meetings.

1 Sec. 5. Compensation and expenses. For meetings of the
2 committee other than those held during the time the legislature
3 is in session, each member of the committee shall receive his
4 actual traveling expenses and a per diem of ten dollars per
5 day for each day in attendance. (2.46, C50, unchanged.)

1 Sec. 6. Sections two point forty-one (2.41) to two point
2 forty-eight (2.48), Code 1950, inclusive, are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 7. Section eight point twenty-nine (8.29), Code 1950,

2 is hereby repealed. (See sec. 4(8) of this bill.)

1 Sec. 8 Section eight point forty-two (8.42), Code 1950,
2 is amended by striking from lines four (4) and five (5) the
3 words "committee on retrenchment and reform" and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the words "budget and financial control committee".

1 Sec. 9. Section eight point forty-three (8.43), Code 1950,
2 is amended by striking from lines two (2) and three (3) the
3 words "committee on retrenchment and reform" and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the words "budget and financial control committee".

1 Sec. 10. Section twenty point one (20.1), Code 1950, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By striking from lines fourteen (14) and fifteen (15)
4 the words "committee on retrenchment and reform" and inserting
5 in lieu thereof the words "budget and financial control
6 committee".

7 2. By striking from lines fifteen (15) and sixteen (16)
8 the words "retrenchment and reform committee" and inserting in
9 lieu thereof the words "budget and financial control committee".

1 Sec. 11. Section twenty point three (20.3), Code 1950,
2 is amended by striking from lines one (1) and two (2) the words
3 "committee on retrenchment and reform" and inserting in lieu
4 thereof the words "budget and financial control committee".

5 Further amend said section by striking from lines five
6 (5) and six (6) the words "committee on retrenchment and
7 reform" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "budget and
8 financial control committee".