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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the state board of regents to conduct a study
2 regarding the establishment of higher admissions standards for
3 its institutions of higher learning.

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

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1 Section 1. STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS --
2 STUDY.

3 1. The state board of regents, in cooperation with the
4 department of education, shall conduct a study regarding the
5 advantages and disadvantages of establishing higher standards
6 for admissions to the institutions under its control. The
7 study shall, at a minimum, identify and review accurate
8 predictors of student success in college which may be used in
9 addition to or in place of current admission criteria;
10 admission requirements for comparable state universities in
11 other states in the midwestern region; resourceful methods for
12 motivating middle and high school students to enroll in
13 challenging coursework, including advanced placement courses;
14 collaborative efforts to work with schools and school
15 districts to establish graduation standards that ensure the
16 adequate preparation of secondary school students for the
17 rigors of university coursework; partnerships with other
18 educational institutions to accomplish the goal of increasing
19 the academic achievements of this state's resident university
20 students; efforts to reduce dropout rates and the need for
21 remediation and to increase graduation rates; and training for
22 faculty and staff to provide innovative forms of academic
23 support.

24 2. The state board shall submit its findings and
25 recommendations in a report to the senate and house of
26 representatives standing committees on education by January
27 15, 2006.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill requires the state board of regents, in
30 cooperation with the department of education, to conduct a
31 study regarding the advantages and disadvantages of
32 establishing higher standards for admissions to the
33 institutions under its control. The state board must submit
34 its findings and recommendations in a report to the senate and
35 house of representatives standing committees on education by

1 January 15, 2006.

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