

SENATE FILE **2370**
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3243)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local government innovation, creating a local
2 government innovation commission and fund, creating a center
3 for governing excellence, and including an effective date.

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

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3 8.64 DEFINITIONS.

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6 commission.

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8 area voluntarily formed by and comprised of counties, cities,
9 or townships, or any combination thereof, all of which possess
10 a degree of autonomy in a varying number of matters.

11 3. "Department" means the department of management.

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13 COMMISSION.

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16 members.

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10 quality and efficiency on the local level.

11 4. Utilize the department of management, the department of
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13 the commission to certify savings projected for a proposed
14 local governance and revenue model.

15 5. On or before January 1, 2008, submit to the general
16 assembly and to the office of the governor recommendations for
17 legislation that would provide flexibility and freedom to
18 local governments in implementing governance and revenue
19 models.

20 6. a. Prepare a request for proposal for establishment of
21 an Iowa center for governing excellence as provided in section
22 8.68.

23 b. The request for proposal shall require employment of a
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23 support for policymakers and government officials.

24 b. Integrate the research capacities of the regents
25 universities and of organizations representing local
26 governments to support management and policy research.

27 c. Facilitate dialogues among Iowa's state agencies and
28 local governments, regents universities, organizations
29 representing local governments, and citizens on government
30 policy design, implementation, and evaluation.

31 2. After its creation, the center may solicit, accept, and
32 administer moneys contributed to the center by any source, and
33 may enter into contracts with public or private agencies in
34 order to carry out its purposes.

35 3. The center shall submit an annual report of the

1 activities of the center to the governor and to the general
2 assembly as provided in section 7A.11A by January 15 of each
3 year.

4 4. a. A governing board is created to oversee and direct
5 the activities of the Iowa center for governing excellence.

6 b. The governing board shall be composed of the following
7 members:

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9 governor.

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11 appointed by the president of the league.

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13 counties appointed by the president of the association.

14 c. The governing board shall oversee the operations of the
15 Iowa center for governing excellence and shall make decisions
16 regarding research and training activities conducted by the
17 center.

18 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill makes changes relating to local government
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24 which is located in the department of management for
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28 emergency management division of the Iowa department of public
29 defense, the department of economic development, and the
30 general public. Four members of the general assembly are
31 appointed as nonvoting members of the commission. The
32 commission is to develop a request for results application and
33 review process to review local governance and revenue models
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35 commission to report to the general assembly and to the

1 governor's office on or before January 1, 2008, with
2 recommendations for legislative changes that would provide
3 flexibility and freedom to community-wide areas in
4 implementing governance and revenue models. The bill defines
5 "community-wide area".

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7 proposal for establishment of an Iowa center for governing
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16 evaluation. The bill provides that the activities of the Iowa
17 center for governing excellence shall be directed and
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21 The bill also creates a local government innovation fund
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23 assist in the implementation of local governance and revenue
24 models that have been reviewed by the commission.

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Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency
Fiscal Note

SF 2370 - Governance Innovation (LSB 5791 SV)
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Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

Senate File 2370 creates a Local Government Innovation Commission located within the Department of Management (DOM) which consists of 13 voting members and four nonvoting members. The Commission will review local governance and revenue models submitted by community-wide areas. The Bill requires the Commission to report to the General Assembly and to the Governor's Office by January 1, 2008, with recommendations for legislative changes for implementing local governance and revenue models. The Bill directs the Commission to prepare a Request for Proposal for establishment of an Iowa Center for Governing Excellence.

The purpose of the Center is to provide objective and nonpartisan research and training for policymakers and government officials; to integrate the research capacities of the Regents universities and of local government organizations; and to facilitate dialogues among Iowa's State agencies, local governments, Regents universities, and citizens. The Bill specifies that the activities of the Center will be directed and supervised by a three-member governing board comprised of a representative of State government, a representative of the Iowa League of Cities, and a representative of the Iowa State Association of Counties.

The Bill also creates a Local Government Innovation Fund under the control of the DOM for the purpose of providing grants to community-wide areas to assist in the implementation of local governance and revenue models that have been reviewed by the Commission.

Assumptions

1. One administrator to provide assistance and administrative support for the Commission. The salary and benefits are assumed to be \$75,000 in FY 2007.
2. Actual and necessary expenses for the commission, as well as space, necessary supplies and equipment, and related support will be approximately \$75,000.

Fiscal Impact

The Bill will require an estimated annual State General Fund expenditure of \$150,000 beginning in FY 2007.

Sources

The Department of Management
Governor's Office

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

March 9, 2006

The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

SENATE FILE 2370

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- 1 Amend Senate File 2370 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 10, by inserting after the word
3 "matters." the following: "School districts may also
4 participate in a community-wide area if joined by a
5 county, city, or township."
6 2. Page 1, line 15, by striking the word
7 "thirteen" and inserting the following: "fourteen".
8 3. Page 1, by inserting after line 27 the
9 following:
10 "() One member representing school districts
11 appointed by the president of the Iowa association of
12 school boards."
13 4. Page 3, line 27, by inserting after the word
14 "efficient" the following: "and effective".
15 5. Page 3, line 29, by inserting after the word
16 "area" the following: "and modernizing services and
17 service delivery to meet the changing public service
18 needs of the area".
19 6. Page 4, line 1, by striking the word "which"
20 and inserting the following: "that".
21 7. Page 4, by striking lines 2 through 10 and
22 inserting the following: "demonstrate one or more of
23 the following:
24 a. How the local governance and revenue model will
25 result in reduced expenditures by local government or
26 from the state general fund.
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28 without an increase in state costs.
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30 more efficiently or will be of increased quality
31 resulting in greater value from the expenditure of
32 local government revenues.
33 d. How the model develops partnerships with the
34 state to provide increased quality and efficiency on
35 the local level."
36 8. Page 4, line 20, by striking the word
37 "proposal" and inserting the following: "proposals".
38 9. Page 4, line 22, by striking the figure
39 "8.68." and inserting the following: "8.68, and
40 prepare procedures and a timetable for submission and
41 review of proposals and for selection of a proposal.
42 The proposal process shall be open to public and
43 private not-for-profit institutions of higher
44 education located in this state and accredited by the
45 north central association of colleges and secondary
46 schools."
47 10. Page 4, line 23, by striking the word
48 "proposal" and inserting the following: "proposals".
49 11. Page 4, line 23, by inserting after the word
50 "require" the following: "each proposal to provide

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1 for".

2 12. Page 4, by inserting after line 24 the
3 following:

4 "c. The request for proposals shall require each
5 proposal to specify all of the following:

6 (1) The number and subject area specialties of the
7 research staff; the office space; the support staff;
8 and the computer, library, and research facilities to
9 be provided by the proposing institution.

10 (2) The personnel, facilities, and support
11 provided for the training of policymakers, public
12 officials, and students in areas including but not
13 limited to public administration and management,
14 budgetary preparation and analysis, electronic
15 government, local-state government relations, and
16 public policy formulation, implementation, and
17 evaluation.

18 (3) The funding to be committed by the proposing
19 institution."

20 13. Page 5, lines 24 and 25, by striking the
21 words "regents universities" and inserting the
22 following: "community colleges and public and private
23 universities located in this state".

24 14. Page 5, line 28, by striking the word
25 "regents" and inserting the following: "public and
26 private".

27 15. Page 5, line 33, by inserting after the word
28 "agencies" the following: "or agreements subject to
29 chapter 28E with public and private agencies".

30 16. Page 5, line 34, by inserting after the word
31 "purposes." the following: "All records of the center
32 including but not limited to records of donations to
33 the center and agreements entered into by the center
34 shall be public records for purposes of chapter 22."

35 17. By renumbering and correcting internal
36 references as necessary.

By HERMAN C. QUIRMBACH

Quirnbach co-chair
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Succeeded by
SF/HF 2370

SSB# 3243
Local Government

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____

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