



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 500 (formerly HF 253)
Committee: Human Resources
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Early Childhood Iowa Area Board Requirements

- Currently, the Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards have to complete “regular audits” according to the Code.
 - In practice, “regular audits” have been done every year.
 - For area boards that operate independently, the cost of an audit is around \$7,500.
 - Therefore, the intent of the bill is to allow area boards to only have an audit every three years so they are able to spend the money elsewhere.
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Summary of Action

The Human Resources Committee PASSED HF 500/HF 253 20-1 on March 4th, 2013.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Early Childhood Iowa Coordination Staff

- This section allows the Department of Management to provide administrative support for implementation of the early childhood Iowa initiative and for the state board. The Department must adopt rules in consultation with the state board to provide fiscal oversight.
- The fiscal oversight duties are: financial reporting, regular audits, and report of performance reviews of the program.
- Current code reads “Regular audits and other requirements of fiscal agents for area boards.”
- Section 256I.5, subsection 1, paragraph b is amended to read “Regular audits every three years and other requirements of fiscal agents for area boards.”
- This would allow boards to have audits done every three years instead of every year.

Section 2 – Creates Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards

- This code section creates the Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards.
- The bill changes the area board membership requirements. The bill authorizes an area board’s bylaws to provide that a member of the board can be represented by a designee or alternate.