

House Amendment 8440

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1 1 Amend House Resolution 135 as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking page 1, line 3 through page 5,
1 3 line 23 and inserting the following:
1 4 <A Resolution requesting the Legislative Council to
1 5 create a learning technology commission
1 6 to examine options for integrating technology into
1 7 the classroom to prepare students for an economy
1 8 that is increasingly dependent on technology and
1 9 innovation.
1 10 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives finds that
1 11 technology has a key role in revolutionizing the
1 12 state's education system, and the integration of
1 13 technology into the school curriculum can motivate and
1 14 assist students to achieve at high levels and prepare
1 15 them to become the knowledge workers of the 21st
1 16 Century workforce by providing them with the skills
1 17 necessary to compete in the global market; and
1 18 WHEREAS, many Iowa schools are implementing
1 19 technology projects and updating technology in their
1 20 classrooms, including projects involving distance
1 21 learning, virtual learning, and laptop computers in
1 22 the classroom; and
1 23 WHEREAS, technology offers this state a significant
1 24 opportunity to improve the performance of its schools
1 25 and to promote a wide range of high-quality
1 26 educational options utilizing technology for children
1 27 enrolled in the schools of this state; NOW THEREFORE,
1 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
1 29 That the Legislative Council is requested to create a
1 30 learning technology commission, to be charged with
1 31 developing a learning technology plan to achieve the
1 32 goal of preparing students for an economy that is
1 33 increasingly dependent on technology and innovation.
1 34 The commission shall examine the use of technology in
1 35 Iowa's and the nation's elementary and secondary
1 36 classrooms; and
1 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan developed by
1 38 the commission shall include, but not be limited to,
1 39 the following:
1 40 1. The costs and benefits of each component of the
1 41 plan.
1 42 2. The professional development needed to
1 43 integrate learning technology into classroom
1 44 technology.
1 45 3. Strategies for implementation of the plan,
1 46 including, at a minimum, phasing in the plan over a
1 47 term of years.
1 48 4. Strategies that coordinate the learning
1 49 technology in kindergarten through grade twelve with
1 50 the initiatives and resources of the department of
2 1 education, Iowa communications network, area education
2 2 agencies, higher education institutions providing
2 3 approved practitioner preparation programs, and other
2 4 accredited postsecondary institutions in the state.
2 5 5. Procedures for data tracking and assessment of
2 6 the progress in implementing the goals of the
2 7 initiative and the plan.
2 8 6. Strategies to establish a public-private
2 9 partnership between state government and a private
2 10 sector business having relevant knowledge and
2 11 experience; and
2 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan shall be
2 13 consistent with the following guiding principles:
2 14 1. EQUITY. The plan shall promote equal
2 15 opportunity for and provide meaningful access to
2 16 wireless and other learning technology resources for
2 17 all Iowa students regardless of geographic location or
2 18 economic means.
2 19 2. INTEGRATION WITH THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
2 20 TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 284.
2 21 The plan shall support student achievement through the

2 22 integration of learning technologies that are content=
2 23 focused and that add value to existing instructional
2 24 methods.

2 25 3. SUSTAINABILITY. The plan shall provide for the
2 26 future sustainability of learning technology resources
2 27 by adapting to future educational needs and
2 28 technological changes.

2 29 4. TEACHER PREPARATION AND PROFESSIONAL
2 30 DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall provide professional
2 31 development and training programs for administrators,
2 32 teachers and other educators in the use and
2 33 integration of learning technology tools in curriculum
2 34 development, instructional methods, and student
2 35 assessment systems.

2 36 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall foster
2 37 economic development across all regions of the state
2 38 and the preparation of students for an economy that
2 39 embraces technology and innovation; and

2 40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall
2 41 be appointed no later than July 1, 2004.

2 42 1. The commission membership shall consist of the
2 43 following:

2 44 a. Seven voting members from the general public
2 45 who shall be appointed by the Legislative Council.

2 46 b. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
2 47 member of the state board of education and is
2 48 appointed by the chairperson of the state board of
2 49 education.

2 50 c. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is the
3 1 state librarian or the state librarian's designee.

3 2 d. One nonvoting, ex officio member representing
3 3 public postsecondary education institutions who is
3 4 employed by a public postsecondary institution and is
3 5 appointed by the Legislative Council.

3 6 e. Three nonvoting, ex officio members
3 7 representing three different school districts and who
3 8 are appointed by the Legislative Council as follows:

3 9 (1) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 10 certified employee organization representing teachers
3 11 licensed under chapter 272, a teacher employed by a
3 12 school district.

3 13 (2) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 14 statewide organization representing administrators
3 15 licensed under chapter 272, an administrator employed
3 16 by a school district.

3 17 (3) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 18 statewide organization representing school boards, a
3 19 member of a board of directors of a school district.

3 20 f. One nonvoting, ex officio member representing
3 21 area education agencies who is appointed by the
3 22 Legislative Council from a list of three names
3 23 submitted by area education administrators.

3 24 g. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
3 25 member of the Senate and is appointed by the President
3 26 of the Senate.

3 27 h. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
3 28 member of the House of Representatives and is
3 29 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 30 Representatives.

3 31 2. Commission members shall be appointed in
3 32 compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

3 33 Appointments of public members shall be made to
3 34 provide broad representation of the various
3 35 geographical areas of the state insofar as possible.

3 36 3. In appointing members to the commission, proper
3 37 consideration shall be given to persons with
3 38 experience or special knowledge in one or more of the
3 39 following areas: education, business, economic
3 40 development, technology, and finance.

3 41 4. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a
3 42 vice-chairperson from among the voting members of the
3 43 commission; and

3 44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall
3 45 submit its findings, recommendations, and its learning
3 46 technology plan in a report to the General Assembly by
3 47 December 15, 2004.>

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