

Senate Amendment 5295

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1 1 Amend Senate Resolution 123 as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking page 1, line 4 through page 3,
1 3 line 1 and inserting the following:
1 4 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 Senate finds that technology has a key
1 11 role in revolutionizing the state's education system,
1 12 and the integration of technology into the school
1 13 curriculum can motivate and assist students to achieve
1 14 at high levels and prepare them to become the
1 15 knowledge workers of the 21st Century workforce by
1 16 providing them with the skills necessary to compete in
1 17 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 SENATE, That the Legislative
1 29 Council is requested to create a learning technology
1 30 commission, to be charged with developing a learning
1 31 technology plan to achieve the goal of preparing
1 32 students for an economy that is increasingly dependent
1 33 on technology and innovation. The commission shall
1 34 examine the use of technology in Iowa's and the
1 35 nation's elementary and secondary classrooms; and
1 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan developed by
1 37 the commission shall include, but not be limited to,
1 38 the following:
1 39 1. The costs and benefits of each component of the
1 40 plan.
1 41 2. The professional development needed to
1 42 integrate learning technology into classroom
1 43 technology.
1 44 3. Strategies for implementation of the plan,
1 45 including, at a minimum, phasing in the plan over a
1 46 term of years.
1 47 4. Strategies that coordinate the learning
1 48 technology in kindergarten through grade twelve with
1 49 the initiatives and resources of the department of
1 50 education, Iowa communications network, area education
2 1 agencies, higher education institutions providing
2 2 approved practitioner preparation programs, and other
2 3 accredited postsecondary institutions in the state.
2 4 5. Procedures for data tracking and assessment of
2 5 the progress in implementing the goals of the
2 6 initiative and the plan.
2 7 6. Strategies to establish a public-private
2 8 partnership between state government and a private
2 9 sector business having relevant knowledge and
2 10 experience; and
2 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan shall be
2 12 consistent with the following guiding principles:
2 13 1. EQUITY. The plan shall promote equal
2 14 opportunity for and provide meaningful access to
2 15 wireless and other learning technology resources for
2 16 all Iowa students regardless of geographic location or
2 17 economic means.
2 18 2. INTEGRATION WITH THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
2 19 TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 284.
2 20 The plan shall support student achievement through the
2 21 integration of learning technologies that are content=
2 22 focused and that add value to existing instructional
2 23 methods.
2 24 3. SUSTAINABILITY. The plan shall provide for the
2 25 future sustainability of learning technology resources

2 26 by adapting to future educational needs and
2 27 technological changes.
2 28 4. TEACHER PREPARATION AND PROFESSIONAL
2 29 DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall provide professional
2 30 development and training programs for administrators,
2 31 teachers and other educators in the use and
2 32 integration of learning technology tools in curriculum
2 33 development, instructional methods, and student
2 34 assessment systems.

2 35 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall foster
2 36 economic development across all regions of the state
2 37 and the preparation of students for an economy that
2 38 embraces technology and innovation; and

2 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall
2 40 be appointed no later than July 1, 2004.

2 41 1. The commission membership shall consist of the
2 42 following:

2 43 a. Seven voting members from the general public
2 44 who shall be appointed by the Legislative Council.

2 45 b. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
2 46 member of the state board of education and is
2 47 appointed by the chairperson of the state board of
2 48 education.

2 49 c. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is the
2 50 state librarian or the state librarian's designee.

3 1 d. One nonvoting, ex officio member representing
3 2 public postsecondary education institutions who is
3 3 employed by a public postsecondary institution and is
3 4 appointed by the Legislative Council.

3 5 e. Three nonvoting, ex officio members
3 6 representing three different school districts and who
3 7 are appointed by the Legislative Council as follows:

3 8 (1) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 9 certified employee organization representing teachers
3 10 licensed under chapter 272, a teacher employed by a
3 11 school district.

3 12 (2) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 13 statewide organization representing administrators
3 14 licensed under chapter 272, an administrator employed
3 15 by a school district.

3 16 (3) From a list of three names submitted by a
3 17 statewide organization representing school boards, a
3 18 member of a board of directors of a school district.

3 19 f. One nonvoting, ex officio member representing
3 20 area education agencies who is appointed by the
3 21 Legislative Council from a list of three names
3 22 submitted by area education administrators.

3 23 g. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
3 24 member of the Senate and is appointed by the President
3 25 of the Senate.

3 26 h. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
3 27 member of the House of Representatives and is
3 28 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 29 Representatives.

3 30 2. Commission members shall be appointed in
3 31 compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

3 32 Appointments of public members shall be made to
3 33 provide broad representation of the various
3 34 geographical areas of the state insofar as possible.

3 35 3. In appointing members to the commission, proper
3 36 consideration shall be given to persons with
3 37 experience or special knowledge in one or more of the
3 38 following areas: education, business, economic
3 39 development, technology, and finance.

3 40 4. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a
3 41 vice-chairperson from among the voting members of the
3 42 commission; and

3 43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall
3 44 submit its findings, recommendations, and its learning
3 45 technology plan in a report to the General Assembly by
3 46 December 15, 2004.>

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