Senate File 475

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1 Amend Senate File 475, as amended, passed, and reprinted by 2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. By striking page 1, line 3, through page 6, line 34, and 4 inserting:

5 <Section 1. ONLINE LEARNING WORKING GROUP. The department 6 of education shall convene a working group of education 7 stakeholders to study online learning and programming for 8 school districts and accredited nonpublic schools and related 9 educational, assessment, and funding issues. The working 10 group shall review the appropriate use of online learning by 11 school districts and accredited nonpublic schools, partnerships 12 between school districts and accredited nonpublic schools 13 and private providers of online programs, and the potential 14 use of online learning as the exclusive means to provide 15 coursework required under the state's educational standards. 16 In particular, the working group shall study the effect of 17 online learning on student assessment and achievement results 18 and shall identify and develop measures to reduce the student 19 dropout rate and improve rate-of-retention and achievement 20 results at virtual schools. The working group shall submit 21 its findings and recommendations in a report to the general 22 assembly by January 1, 2018.>

23 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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