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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF
AN IOWA LEARNING TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION AND PILOT PROGRAMS,
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESEARCH TRIANGLE AND CLEARING=
HOUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT EFFECTIVENESS.

1 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 11 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2005, is amended by adding
1 12 the following new subsection:

1 13 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Establish a research triangle,
1 14 defined by the three institutions of higher learning under the
1 15 board's control, and clearinghouse for purposes of sharing the
1 16 projects and results of kindergarten through grade twelve
1 17 education technology initiatives occurring in Iowa's school
1 18 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and
1 19 other higher education institutions, with the education
1 20 community within and outside of the state. Dissemination of
1 21 and access to information regarding planning, financing,
1 22 curriculum, professional development, preservice training,
1 23 project implementation strategies, and results shall be
1 24 centralized to allow school districts from across the state to
1 25 gain ideas from each other regarding the integration of
1 26 technology in the classroom.

1 27 Sec. 2. Section 280A.1, Code 2005, is amended by adding
1 28 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

1 29 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Public and private partners
1 30 shall participate in the development of the planning,
1 31 implementation, and outcomes for the initiative.

1 32 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 280A.2 IOWA LEARNING TECHNOLOGY
1 33 COMMISSION == MEMBERS.

1 34 1. COMMISSION CREATED. An Iowa learning technology
1 35 commission is created to administer the Iowa learning
2 1 technology initiative, including creation of pilot programs
2 2 pursuant to section 280A.4, to be implemented through local
2 3 and public-private partnerships, that may include but shall
2 4 not be limited to, use of one-to-one student learning
2 5 technology.

2 6 2. MEMBERS. The commission shall initially be appointed
2 7 no later than July 1, 2005, and shall consist of members
2 8 appointed as follows:

2 9 a. Seven voting members who shall be members of the
2 10 general public and shall be appointed as follows:

2 11 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the president of the
2 12 senate.

2 13 (2) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader
2 14 of the senate.

2 15 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the
2 16 house of representatives.

2 17 (4) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader
2 18 of the house of representatives.

2 19 (5) One member who is the chairperson of the state board
2 20 of education or the chairperson's designee.

2 21 b. Ex officio, nonvoting members as follows:

2 22 (1) The members of the state board of education technology
2 23 advisory committee.

2 24 (2) One member who is a member of the senate shall be
2 25 appointed by the president of the senate.

2 26 (3) One member who is a member of the senate shall be
2 27 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

2 28 (4) One member who is a member of the house of
2 29 representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house
2 30 of representatives.

2 31 (5) One member who is a member of the house of
2 32 representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of
2 33 the house of representatives.

2 34 3. EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE. In appointing
2 35 members to the commission, proper consideration shall be given
3 1 to persons with experience or special knowledge in one or more
3 2 of the following areas: education, including curriculum and
3 3 content; business; economic development; technology; and
3 4 finance.

3 5 4. BALANCE. Commission members shall be appointed in

3 6 compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Appointments of
3 7 public members shall be made to provide broad representation
3 8 of the various geographical areas of the state insofar as
3 9 possible.

3 10 5. CHAIRPERSONS. The commission shall elect a chairperson
3 11 and a vice chairperson annually from among the voting members
3 12 of the commission. A member shall not serve as a chairperson
3 13 or vice chairperson for more than three consecutive years.

3 14 6. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least three
3 15 times each year.

3 16 7. QUORUM. A majority of the voting members constitutes a
3 17 quorum for the transaction of any official business.

3 18 8. TERMS OF MEMBERS. The members shall be appointed to
3 19 three-year staggered terms and the terms shall commence and
3 20 end as provided by section 69.19. If a vacancy occurs, a
3 21 successor shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term. A
3 22 successor shall be appointed in the same manner and subject to
3 23 the same qualifications as the original appointment to serve
3 24 the unexpired term.

3 25 9. EXPENSES. Members of the commission are entitled to
3 26 receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while
3 27 engaged in the performance of official duties from funds
3 28 appropriated to the department of education for that purpose,
3 29 except that legislators' expenses shall be paid from funds
3 30 appropriated by section 2.12.

3 31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 280A.3 COMMISSION DUTIES.

3 32 The commission shall:

3 33 1. Develop and administer the Iowa learning technology
3 34 pilot programs in accordance with section 280A.4. The
3 35 commission shall determine application and selection
4 1 processes, and the minimum requirements for selection of pilot
4 2 program participants.

4 3 2. Develop an accurate assessment of the current status of
4 4 technology in Iowa's public school classrooms supported by
4 5 reliable data. Data collected and assessed shall include the
4 6 number of computers and their appropriate corresponding use;
4 7 the costs for hardware, software, staff development,
4 8 instructional staff, and technology support staff; sources of
4 9 funds used for school district technology budgets; and an
4 10 inventory of technology-based kindergarten through grade
4 11 twelve curricula.

4 12 3. Identify and gather data, in collaboration with the
4 13 department of education, to determine the current public,
4 14 private, federal, state, community college, and local revenue
4 15 sources used for kindergarten through grade twelve educational
4 16 technology at the school district, area education agency, and
4 17 state levels.

4 18 4. Submit the data assessed determined pursuant to
4 19 subsections 2 and 3 in a report to the house and senate
4 20 standing education committees and the joint subcommittee on
4 21 education appropriations of the general assembly by January
4 22 15, 2006.

4 23 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 280A.4 PILOT PROGRAMS.

4 24 1. The Iowa learning technology commission created in
4 25 section 280A.2 shall develop and administer the Iowa learning
4 26 technology pilot programs to encourage innovation, increase
4 27 student achievement, and ensure that technology is used on the
4 28 basis of best practices. The pilot programs should be
4 29 designed to obtain valid and reliable evidence of the impact
4 30 on student engagement and achievement from the use of
4 31 technology, which may include but not be limited to a "one=
4 32 to=one" initiative; further demonstrate successful district=
4 33 to=vendor relationships and possibilities; provide for
4 34 development of individual education plans for students;
4 35 identify local district educational and fiscal planning and
5 1 implementation strategies; and gain a better understanding of
5 2 the current status of technology in Iowa schools. The goal
5 3 for each pilot program is to provide results and additional
5 4 information necessary for the general assembly to consider
5 5 implementation of a statewide technology initiative. The
5 6 commission shall make the final determination regarding pilot
5 7 program grant awards, and shall notify the department of
5 8 education of the amount of the grant amount to be awarded to a
5 9 school district. From moneys appropriated to the department
5 10 of education for purposes of the pilot programs, each pilot
5 11 program shall consist of state-funded competitive grants to
5 12 Iowa school districts that are matched locally with public or
5 13 private, federal, state, or local financing as determined by
5 14 the applicant school district. Administrative support and
5 15 staffing shall be provided by the department of education.

5 16 2. Each pilot program shall be consistent with the

5 17 following guiding principles:

5 18 a. FOCUS ON INCREASING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
5 19 THROUGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING. The focus on student
5 20 achievement should include identification of the age and
5 21 developmentally appropriate use of educational technology that
5 22 will engage the learner and result in improved student
5 23 achievement opportunities.

5 24 b. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Quality, ongoing
5 25 professional development shall be provided, including best
5 26 practices in the effective use of technology in the classroom.

5 27 c. CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT. Students' technology skills
5 28 shall be integrated into the curriculum and assessed through
5 29 the demonstration of learning within content areas.

5 30 d. EQUITABLE ACCESS. Grant awards under the pilot program
5 31 shall be distributed to school districts that meet the
5 32 selection requirements established by the commission in a
5 33 manner that ensures that students throughout the state have
5 34 equitable access to education opportunities offered via the
5 35 use of technology and telecommunications.

6 1 e. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLANNING. Due consideration
6 2 shall be given to future sustainability of learning technology
6 3 resources by adapting to future educational needs and
6 4 technology changes and by avoiding obsolescence of learning
6 5 technology resources.

6 6 f. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Grant moneys should be
6 7 distributed in such a manner as to foster economic development
6 8 across all regions of the state and to prepare students for an
6 9 economy that embraces technology and innovation.

6 10 g. ACCOUNTABILITY. The pilot program shall include
6 11 methods of measuring progress in the areas of increased
6 12 student engagement; decreased disciplinary problems; increased
6 13 use of computers for writing, analysis, and research; movement
6 14 toward student-centered classrooms; increased parental
6 15 involvement; and increased standardized test scores.

6 16 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 280A.5 FUTURE REPEAL.

6 17 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2011.

6 18 Sec. 7. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVENESS. The sections of this
6 19 Act creating new Code chapter 280A take effect only if the
6 20 general assembly appropriates funds for the fiscal year
6 21 beginning July 1, 2005, in an amount sufficient to implement
6 22 the provisions of Code chapter 280A, if enacted.

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Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
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