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SENATE FILE 104
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 39)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a study of the Iowa communications network as
2 a school district instructional tool for students enrolled in
3 kindergarten through grade twelve.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. K-12 ICN SCHEDULING. The public broadcasting
2 division of the department of education, in consultation with
3 the department of education, shall convene a working group to
4 study usage of the Iowa communications network (ICN) as an
5 instructional tool for students enrolled in kindergarten
6 through grade twelve (K-12) that encourages school districts
7 to integrate telecommunications in the curriculum, supports
8 the development of distance learning instructional activities
9 that can be shared by districts regionally or statewide via
10 the ICN, and expands the educational community-user base. The
11 working group shall address ways to promote, improve, and
12 increase regional and statewide usage of the ICN based on
13 cooperative scheduling and other collaborative efforts.

14 The working group shall consist of representatives of
15 school district and area education agency administrators and
16 curriculum directors, community colleges, regional schedulers
17 and regional telecommunications council coordinators, and the
18 education telecommunications council, along with the
19 administrator of the division or the administrator's designee,
20 the director of the department of education or the director's
21 designee, and the executive director of the Iowa
22 telecommunications and technology commission or the executive
23 director's designee.

24 The working group shall conduct a statewide K-12 distance
25 learning needs assessment that examines the current status of
26 course and class sharing and determines the impact of future
27 teacher shortages and declining enrollment trends, and the
28 potential of integrating ICN distance learning activities with
29 regional academies. The working group shall also seek and
30 evaluate examples of scheduling agreements and arrangements
31 for ICN use entered into by school districts, and by school
32 districts and community colleges.

33 The working group shall submit its findings and
34 recommendations to the education telecommunications council
35 for consideration. Any recommendations for legislation

1 proposed by the working group shall be submitted to the
2 general assembly by January 15, 2002.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill directs the public broadcasting division (Iowa
5 public television), in consultation with the department of
6 education, to convene a working group to study usage of the
7 Iowa communications network (ICN) as an instructional tool for
8 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) that
9 encourages school districts to integrate telecommunications in
10 the curriculum, supports the development of distance learning,
11 and expands the educational community-user base. The working
12 group must address ways to promote, improve, and increase
13 cooperative regional and statewide usage of the ICN.

14 The working group is made up of representatives from school
15 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, the
16 regional telecommunications councils, the education
17 telecommunications council, the Iowa telecommunications and
18 technology commission, the public broadcasting division, and
19 the department of education.

20 The working group is to conduct a statewide K-12 distance
21 learning needs assessment and seek and evaluate examples of
22 scheduling agreements and arrangements for ICN use entered
23 into by school districts and community colleges.

24 The working group must submit its findings and
25 recommendations to the education telecommunications council
26 for consideration. The working group must submit any
27 proposals for legislation to the general assembly by January
28 15, 2002.

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SENATE FILE 104**H-1348**

1 Amend Senate File 104, as passed by the Senate, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking the words "ICN
4 SCHEDULING" and inserting the following: "DISTANCE
5 LEARNING".

6 2. Page 1, by striking line 4 and inserting the
7 following: "study distance learning usage, including
8 the use of the Iowa communications network (ICN), as
9 an".

10 3. Page 1, line 16, by inserting after the word
11 "colleges," the following: "state board of regents
12 institutions, accredited private postsecondary
13 institutions,".

14 4. Page 1, line 28, by striking the letters
15 "ICN".

16 5. Page 1, line 31, by striking the words "ICN
17 use" and inserting the following: "distance
18 learning".

19 6. Page 1, line 32, by inserting after the word
20 "colleges" the following: ", state board of regents
21 institutions, or accredited private postsecondary
22 institutions".

23 7. Title page, line 1, by striking the words "the
24 Iowa communications network" and inserting the
25 following: "distance learning".

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
GRUNDBERG of Polk, Chairperson

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