

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

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4 create a new century learning technology commission
5 to examine options for integrating technology into
6 the classroom to prepare students for an economy
7 that is increasingly dependent on technology and
8 innovation.

9 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives finds that
10 technology has a key role in revolutionizing the
11 state's education system, and the integration of
12 technology into the school curriculum can motivate and
13 assist students to achieve at high levels and prepare
14 them to become the knowledge workers of the 21st
15 Century workforce by providing them with the skills
16 necessary to compete in the global market; and

17 WHEREAS, many Iowa schools are implementing
18 technology projects and updating technology in their
19 classrooms, including projects involving distance
20 learning, virtual learning, and laptop computers in
21 the classroom; and

22 WHEREAS, technology offers this state a significant
23 opportunity to improve the performance of its schools
24 and to promote a wide range of high-quality
25 educational options utilizing technology for children
26 enrolled in the schools of this state; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
28 That the Legislative Council is requested to create a
29 new century learning technology commission, to be
30 charged with developing a new century learning

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1 technology plan to achieve the goal of preparing
2 students for an economy that is increasingly dependent
3 on technology and innovation. The commission shall
4 examine the use of technology in Iowa's and the
5 nation's elementary and secondary classrooms; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan developed by
7 the commission shall include, but not be limited to,
8 the following:

9 1. The costs and benefits of each component of the
10 plan.

11 2. The professional development needed to
12 integrate learning technology into classroom
13 technology.

14 3. Strategies for implementation of the plan,
15 including, at a minimum, phasing in the plan over a
16 term of years.

17 4. Strategies that coordinate the learning
18 technology in kindergarten through grade twelve with
19 the initiatives and resources of the department of
20 education, Iowa communications network, area education
21 agencies, higher education institutions providing
22 approved practitioner preparation programs, and other
23 accredited postsecondary institutions in the state.

24 5. Procedures for data tracking and assessment of
25 the progress in implementing the goals of the
26 initiative and the plan.

27 6. Strategies to establish a public-private
28 partnership between state government and a private
29 business with a proven record of success in
30 undertakings or similar focus and size; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the plan shall be
2 consistent with the following guiding principles:

3 1. EQUITY. The plan shall promote equal
4 opportunity for and provide meaningful access to
5 wireless learning technology resources for all Iowa
6 students regardless of geographic location or economic
7 means.

8 2. INTEGRATION WITH THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
9 TEACHER QUALITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 284.

10 The plan shall support student achievement through the
11 integration of learning technologies that are content-
12 focused and that add value to existing instructional
13 methods.

14 3. SUSTAINABILITY AND AVOIDANCE OF OBSOLESCENCE.

15 The plan shall provide for the future sustainability
16 of learning technology resources by adapting to future
17 educational needs and technological changes and by
18 avoiding obsolescence of learning technology
19 resources.

20 4. TEACHER PREPARATION AND PROFESSIONAL

21 DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall provide professional
22 development and training programs for teachers and
23 other educators in the use and integration of learning
24 technology tools in curriculum development,
25 instructional methods, and student assessment systems.

26 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The plan shall foster
27 economic development across all regions of the state
28 and the preparation of students for an economy that
29 embraces technology and innovation; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall

1 be appointed no later than July 1, 2004.

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

4 a. Seven voting members from the general public
5 who shall be appointed by the Legislative Council.

6 b. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
7 member of the state board of education and is
8 appointed by the chairperson of the state board of
9 education.

10 c. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is the
11 state librarian or the state librarian's designee.

12 d. One nonvoting, ex officio member representing
13 public postsecondary education institutions who is
14 employed by a public postsecondary institution and is
15 appointed by the Legislative Council.

16 e. Three nonvoting, ex officio members
17 representing three different school districts and who
18 are appointed by the Legislative Council as follows:

19 (1) From a list of three names submitted by a
20 certified employee organization representing teachers
21 licensed under chapter 272, a teacher employed by a
22 school district or area education agency.

23 (2) From a list of three names submitted by a
24 statewide organization representing administrators
25 licensed under chapter 272, an administrator employed
26 by a school district.

27 (3) From a list of three names submitted by a
28 statewide organization representing school boards, a
29 member of a board of directors of a school district.

30 f. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a

1 member of the Senate and is appointed by the President
2 of the Senate.

3 g. One nonvoting, ex officio member who is a
4 member of the House of Representatives and is
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives.

7 2. Commission members shall be appointed in
8 compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

9 Appointments of public members shall be made to
10 provide broad representation of the various
11 geographical areas of the state insofar as possible.

12 3. In appointing members to the commission, proper
13 consideration shall be given to persons with
14 experience or special knowledge in one or more of the
15 following areas: education, business, economic
16 development, technology, and finance.

17 4. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a
18 vice chairperson from among the voting members of the
19 commission; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall
21 submit its findings, recommendations, and its new
22 century learning technology plan in a report to the
23 General Assembly by December 15, 2004.

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1 Amend House Resolution 135 as follows:

2 1. By striking page 1, line 3 through page 5,
3 line 23 and inserting the following:

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