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HOUSE FILE 2544
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 620)

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2 educational technology and telecommunications.

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2 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Adopt rules under chapter 17A for the use of
5 ~~telecommunications~~ educational technology as an instructional
6 tool for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade
7 twelve and served by local school districts, accredited or
8 approved nonpublic schools, area education agencies, community
9 colleges, institutions of higher education under the state
10 board of regents, and independent colleges and universities in
11 elementary and secondary school classes and courses. The
12 rules shall include but need not be limited to rules relating
13 to programs, educational policy, instructional practices,
14 staff development, use of pilot projects, curriculum
15 monitoring, and the accessibility of licensed teachers.

16 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 7, unnumbered paragraphs
17 2 and 3, Code Supplement 2005, are amended by striking the
18 unnumbered paragraphs.

19 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, subsection 7, unnumbered paragraphs
20 4 and 5, Code Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:

21 The state board shall establish an advisory committee to
22 make recommendations for rules required under this subsection
23 on the use of ~~telecommunications~~ educational technology as an
24 instructional tool. The committee shall be composed of
25 representatives from community colleges, area education
26 agencies, accredited or approved nonpublic schools, and local
27 school districts from various enrollment categories. The
28 representatives shall include board members, school
29 administrators, teachers, parents, students, and associations
30 interested in education.

31 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection shall provide
32 that the curriculum delivered by educational technology shall
33 be delivered by a teacher appropriately licensed by the board
34 of educational examiners under chapter 272. A school district
35 whose students receive instruction delivered by educational

1 technology at a remote site shall provide supervision of
2 students at the remote site.

3 Educational technology may be used by a school district as
4 the exclusive means to provide instruction from kindergarten
5 through grade twelve. However, the school district shall
6 provide students with the opportunity to take coursework
7 through face-to-face instruction for any kindergarten through
8 grade eight course offered and, for grades nine through
9 twelve, for core courses which are required for graduation.

10 For purposes of this subsection, "core course" means a course
11 in English, language arts, mathematics, science, social
12 studies, physical education, American government, or American
13 history course offered in grades nine through twelve which
14 applies toward the school district's graduation requirements.

15 For purposes of this subsection, "face-to-face instruction"
16 means the instructional time in the classroom where the
17 student and teacher are physically present in the same
18 classroom at the same time. Additional elective credits
19 toward the total credits required for graduation may be
20 offered solely through educational technology. The board of
21 directors of a school district shall make information
22 available to students and parents at registration identifying
23 the courses offered exclusively through educational
24 technology.

25 For the-purpose purposes of the rules adopted by the state
26 board pursuant to this subsection, telecommunications
27 "educational technology" means narrowcast-communications
28 through-systems-that-are-directed-toward-a-narrowly-defined
29 audience-and-includes-interactive-live-communications any
30 course that is delivered primarily through the use of
31 electronic media.

32 Sec. 4. Section 256.7, subsections 8 and 9, Code
33 Supplement 2005, are amended by striking the subsections.

34 Sec. 5. Section 256.9, subsection 41, Code Supplement
35 2005, is amended to read as follows:

1 41. Explore, in conjunction with the state board of
2 regents, the need for coordination between school districts,
3 area education agencies, regents institutions, and community
4 colleges for purposes of delivery of courses, use of
5 telecommunications educational technology, transportation, and
6 other similar issues. Coordination may include, but is not
7 limited to, coordination of calendars, programs, schedules, or
8 telecommunications-emissions educational technology delivery.

9 Sec. 6. Section 256.33, unnumbered paragraphs 1 and 3,
10 Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

11 The department shall consort with school districts, area
12 education agencies, community colleges, and colleges and
13 universities to provide assistance to them in the use of
14 educational technology for instruction purposes. The
15 department shall consult with the advisory committee on
16 telecommunications educational technology, established in
17 section 256.7, subsection 7, and other users of educational
18 technology on the development and operation of programs under
19 this section.

20 Priority shall be given to programs integrating
21 telecommunications educational technology into the classroom.
22 The department may award grants to school corporations and
23 higher education institutions to perform the functions listed
24 in this section.

25 Sec. 7. Section 279.47, Code 2005, is repealed.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill updates language in the Code by replacing a
28 requirement that the state board of education adopt rules for
29 the use of telecommunications as an instructional tool with a
30 requirement that the state board adopt rules for the use of
31 educational technology as an instructional tool. The bill
32 defines "educational technology" to mean any course that is
33 delivered primarily through the use of electronic media.

34 The bill permits the use of educational technology by a
35 school district as the exclusive means to provide instruction

1 from kindergarten through grade 12. However, students in
2 kindergarten through grade eight, and students taking core
3 courses required for graduation must be provided the
4 opportunity to take coursework face-to-face with a teacher.
5 The school district must make information available to parents
6 and students at registration identifying the courses offered
7 exclusively through educational technology.

8 The bill retains certain provisions relating to the
9 telecommunications requirements, but aligns the language to
10 the educational technology requirements, including language
11 which requires the state board to establish an advisory
12 committee to make recommendations for rules, which requires
13 the department to consult with the committee, and which
14 provides that the educational technology be used for students
15 enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 and served by local
16 school districts, accredited or approved nonpublic schools,
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20 secondary school classes and courses. The bill makes
21 conforming changes in a current Code provision to require the
22 director of the department to explore the need for
23 coordination in the use of educational technology.

24 The bill requires that curriculum delivered electronically
25 must be taught by an appropriately licensed teacher, and that
26 school districts provide supervision to students whose
27 instruction is electronically delivered at a remote site. The
28 bill also prohibits the use of educational technology to
29 deliver core courses that apply toward graduation.

30 The bill eliminates a provision that requires the state
31 board to develop evaluation procedures to measure the effects
32 of instruction by means of telecommunications, along with a
33 reference to the provision that requires school districts to
34 participate in the procedures. The bill also eliminates
35 language that defines "supervision" for purposes of

1 telecommunications.

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H-8156

- 1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, line 18, by inserting after the word
3 "time" the following: "at the attendance center of
4 the school district at which the student is enrolled".

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H-8157

- 1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, line 3, by inserting after the word
3 "Educational" the following: "technology shall not be
4 used by school districts as the exclusive means to
5 provide any course which is required to be completed
6 by the minimum educational standards for accreditation
7 for kindergarten through grade eight. Educational".
8 2. Page 2, lines 4 and 5, by striking the words
9 "from kindergarten through grade" and inserting the
10 following: "in grades nine through".
11 3. Page 2, by striking lines 7 through 9 and
12 inserting the following: "through face-to-face
13 instruction for core courses which are required for
14 graduation."

By MASCHER of Johnson

H-8157 FILED MARCH 9, 2006

HOUSE FILE 2544

H-8158

- 1 Amend House File 2544 as follows:
2 1. Page 2, line 10, by inserting before the word
3 "For" the following: "Before enrolling in a core
4 course utilizing educational technology as the
5 exclusive means to provide instruction, a student in
6 grades nine through twelve must have a grade point
7 average of at least three points on a four-point
8 grading scale, or the equivalent."

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JUDY A. JEFFREY, DIRECTOR

To: Members of the General Assembly

From: Jeff Berger, Legislative Liaison

Subject: Background memorandum – State Board Technology Committee
Recommendations

Date: November 28, 2005

This Department prefile bill implements the recommendations of the State Board of Education Technology Advisory Committee. Over the last two years, a multi-stakeholder committee met to review a variety of aspects of educational technology including existing statute.

The committee included recommendations for the updating of those portions of existing statute addressing educational technology. This bill accounts for those recommendations.

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