
HOUSE BILL 2684

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By Representatives Peery, Ferguson, Dorn, Orr and Jacobsen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to education technology; adding new sections to
2 chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating new sections; and making an
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. The legislature recognizes the
6 ongoing necessity for public schools to use up-to-date technology to
7 meet goals for education. To participate successfully in the
8 contemporary workplace, students must be knowledgeable in the use of
9 state of the art technologies. Workplace technology requirements will
10 continue to change on an ongoing basis and schools must mirror these
11 changes.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. Unless the context clearly
2 requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout
3 sections 2 through 6 of this act.

4 (1) "Education technology" means the effective use of electronic
5 tools and electronic pathways in meeting goals established for
6 education.

7 (2) "Network" means state-wide integrated linking of education
8 technology systems in schools for transmission of voice, data, video,
9 and imaging.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM. The
11 superintendent of public instruction may establish an education
12 technology section, and through the section shall ensure an effective
13 state-wide education technology program is developed and implemented.
14 The education technology system shall be compatible with other state
15 technology systems to the extent other state systems are up-to-date or
16 suitable for meeting goals established for education. Other state
17 technology systems may link to the education technology system if the
18 capacity exists beyond that required for the education technology
19 system. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute to
20 educational service districts or school districts on a grant basis,
21 from moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section, funds for:

22 (1) Establishing regional educational technology support centers
23 for the purpose of providing ongoing educator training, school district
24 cost-benefit analysis, long-range educational technology planning,
25 network planning, distance learning access support, and other technical
26 support;

27 (2) High capacity electronic communication line leases or
28 electronic tool purchases; and

1 (3) Start-up funding for school district or educational service
2 district use of education technology.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RULES. The superintendent of public
4 instruction shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW
5 governing the operation and scope of sections 2 through 7 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The superintendent of
7 public instruction shall appoint an education technology advisory
8 committee comprised of: Representatives of school building
9 administrators, school district administrators and educational service
10 districts, certificated instructional employees, and businesses. The
11 committee shall advise the superintendent of public instruction on
12 matters pertaining to the implementation of sections 2 through 7 of
13 this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** GIFTS OR GRANTS FOR EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY.
15 (1) The superintendent of public instruction may receive such gifts,
16 grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made
17 from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of
18 the purposes of the superintendent of public instruction and expend the
19 same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the gifts,
20 grants, or endowments.

21 (2) The education technology fund is hereby established in the
22 custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public
23 instruction shall deposit in the fund all moneys received from gifts,
24 grants, or endowments for education technology. Moneys in the fund may
25 be spent only for education technology. Disbursements from the fund
26 shall be on authorization of the superintendent of public instruction
27 or the superintendent's designee. The fund is subject to the allotment

1 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
2 required for disbursements.

3 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 7.** Captions used in sections 2 through 6 of
4 this act do not constitute any part of the law.

5 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 8.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are
6 each added to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

7 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 9.** The sum of four million eight hundred
8 twenty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
9 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
10 fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of
11 this act.