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By Senators M. Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Sellar and Winsley; 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 a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the ongoing
6 necessity for public schools to use up-to-date tools for learning 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 and be able to access efficiently
10 information electronically. Workplace technology requirements will
11 continue to change and schools must mirror these changes.

12 Furthermore, the legislature finds that the Washington systemic
13 initiative (WSI) is a broad-based effort to promote widespread public
14 literacy in mathematics, science, and technology. A critical component
15 of the systemic initiative is the universal electronic access to
16 information by students. It is the intent of the legislature that
17 components of sections 2 through 6 of this act will support the state-
18 wide systemic reform effort in mathematics, science, and technology as
19 envisioned by the Washington systemic initiative.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
2 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 2
3 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 integrated linking of education technology
8 systems in schools for transmission of voice, data, video, or imaging,
9 or a combination of these.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction
11 may establish an educational technology section, and through that
12 section develop and implement a Washington state technology initiative.
13 The initiative shall include:

14 (a) A state-wide support infrastructure to assist school districts
15 in planning for, implementing, and educating staff in the use of
16 technology in curricular and administrative functions;

17 (b) Grants to school districts that enable them to integrate
18 technology into the learning process and to connect to the state-wide
19 network for curricular purposes, for example, access to Internet, a
20 national information network;

21 (c) Development of on-line information services specific to
22 Washington state, with gateways or links to other services such as
23 Internet. These links shall provide avenues of communication between
24 all levels of education;

25 (d) Support for moderators to conduct on-line curricular projects
26 involving students across the network; and

27 (e) Expansion of the existing state-wide network (Washington School
28 Information Processing Cooperative, WSIPC) including an educational
29 video teleconferencing system.

30 (2) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute to
31 educational service districts on a grant basis, from moneys
32 appropriated for the purposes of this section, funds for:

33 (a) Establishing regional educational technology support centers
34 for the purpose of providing ongoing educator training, school district
35 cost-benefit analysis, long-range planning, network planning, distance
36 learning access support, and other technical and programmatic support.
37 Each educational service district shall establish a representative

1 advisory council to advise the educational service district in their
2 expenditure of these grant moneys; and

3 (b) Establishing each educational service district as a
4 videoconferencing site on the network.

5 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute to
6 school districts on a grant basis, from moneys appropriated for the
7 purposes of this section, funds for:

8 (a) Support for school district personnel to become Internet
9 trainers;

10 (b) Incentive grants to encourage school districts to plan for,
11 implement, and evaluate the effective use of technology in the school
12 curriculum; and

13 (c) Access grants to enable schools to connect into the state-wide
14 network for curricular purposes. The criteria for selection of schools
15 to receive grants shall be based on readiness to use network services
16 and economic need.

17 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute to
18 the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative, WSIPC, on a
19 grant basis, from moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section,
20 funds for equipment to expand the current state-wide network and to
21 establish a videoconferencing system.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The superintendent of public instruction
23 shall adopt rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW governing the
24 operation and scope of sections 2 through 6 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The superintendent of public instruction
26 shall appoint an educational technology advisory committee. That
27 committee shall include, but is not limited to, persons representing:
28 The state board of education, the commission on student learning,
29 educational service districts, school directors, school administrators,
30 school principals, teachers, higher education faculty, parents,
31 students, business, labor, scientists and mathematicians, the higher
32 education coordinating board, the work force training and education
33 coordinating board, the state library, and the department of
34 information services.

35 The committee shall advise the superintendent of public instruction
36 on matters pertaining to the implementation of sections 2 through 6 of
37 this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction
2 may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private
3 sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for
4 the use and benefit of the purposes of the superintendent of public
5 instruction and expend the same or any income therefrom according to
6 the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

7 (2) The education technology fund is hereby established in the
8 custody of the state treasurer. The superintendent of public
9 instruction shall deposit in the fund all moneys received from gifts,
10 grants, or endowments for education technology. Moneys in the fund may
11 be spent only for education technology. Disbursements from the fund
12 shall be on authorization of the superintendent of public instruction
13 or the superintendent's designee. The fund is subject to the allotment
14 procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
15 required for disbursements.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 6 of this act are each
17 added to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of ten million dollars, or as much
19 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
20 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the superintendent of public
21 instruction for the purposes of this act.

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