

5906-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Eide, Regala, Kastama, Hewitt, Hochstatter and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Creating the technology in education task force.

SB 5906-S.E2 - DIGEST

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Requires the technology in education task force to develop recommendations about the use of technology and recommendations about funding technology in the schools after conducting a study. The study shall focus on the application of technology in grades three through twelve. The study shall be completed not later than November 1, 2002, and the recommendations shall be submitted to the education and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

Requires the study to include but not be limited to:

(1) The technology currently available in schools and school districts. Technology includes but is not limited to computers, local area networks, and access to electronic media on the internet;

(2) Methods school districts are using currently to fund technology and recommendations for the future;

(3) Plans to update the technology including any replacement schedules;

(4) Training in the use of technology;

(5) Integration of technology into the curriculum;

(6) The different uses of technology in upper elementary grades, middle school, and high school; and

(7) Applications of technology in schools in other states and how that technology is funded.