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By Senators McAuliffe, Berkey, Fairley, Regala, Fraser, Kline and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of technology in the public schools;
2 creating a new section; making an appropriation; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction
6 shall convene a technology in education task force to develop
7 recommendations about the use of technology and recommendations about
8 funding technology in the schools after conducting a study. The study
9 shall focus on the application of technology in grades three through
10 twelve. The study shall be completed by November 1, 2004, and the
11 recommendations shall be submitted to the education and fiscal
12 committees of the house of representatives and the senate. The study
13 shall include but not be limited to:

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

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

- 1 (c) Plans to update the technology including any replacement
- 2 schedules;
- 3 (d) Training in the use of technology;
- 4 (e) Integration of technology into the curriculum;
- 5 (f) The different uses of technology in upper elementary grades,
- 6 middle school, and high school; and
- 7 (g) Applications of technology in schools in other states and how
- 8 that technology is funded.

9 (2) The technology in education task force shall consist of the
10 following voting members or their designees: One member from each
11 major caucus of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;
12 one member from each major caucus of the house of representatives
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; the
14 superintendent of public instruction; the chair of the information
15 services board; one representative of the community and technical
16 colleges, appointed by the state board for community and technical
17 colleges; one educational service district superintendent, one school
18 district superintendent, one principal, one teacher, three
19 representatives of the computer or digital technology industry, and
20 three members of the general public, each appointed by the
21 superintendent of public instruction; and two representatives appointed
22 by the higher education coordinating board. The superintendent of
23 public instruction, or the superintendent's designee, shall chair the
24 task force.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of ninety-two thousand dollars, or
26 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
27 year ending June 30, 2005, from the general fund to the superintendent
28 of public instruction to carry out the purposes of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 immediately.

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