

SENATE BILL NO. 328—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

MARCH 8, 1999

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding commission on educational technology.
(BDR 34-1395)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions regarding the commission on educational technology; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 388.795 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 388.795 1. The commission shall establish a plan for the use of
3 educational technology in the public schools of this state. In preparing the
4 plan, the commission shall consider:
5 (a) Plans that have been adopted by the department and the school
6 districts in this state;
7 (b) Plans that have been adopted in other states ; ~~[-including, but not~~
8 ~~limited to, the Iowa Communications Network;]~~
9 (c) The information submitted to the commission by the board of
10 trustees of each school district pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 385.351;
11 and
12 (d) Any other information that the commission or the committee deems
13 relevant to the preparation of the plan.
14 2. The plan established by the commission must include
15 recommendations for methods to:
16 (a) Incorporate educational technology into the public schools of this
17 state;

1 (b) Increase the number of pupils in the public schools of this state who
2 have access to educational technology;

3 (c) Increase the availability of educational technology to assist licensed
4 teachers and other educational personnel in complying with the
5 requirements of continuing education, including, but not limited to, the
6 receipt of credit for college courses completed through the use of
7 educational technology;

8 (d) Facilitate the exchange of ideas to improve the achievement of
9 pupils who are enrolled in the public schools of this state; and

10 (e) Address the needs of teachers in incorporating the use of educational
11 technology in the classroom, including, but not limited to, the completion
12 of training that is sufficient to enable the teachers to instruct pupils in the
13 use of educational technology.

14 3. The department shall provide:

15 (a) Administrative support;

16 (b) Equipment; and

17 (c) Office space,

18 as is necessary for the commission to carry out the provisions of this
19 section.

20 4. The following entities shall cooperate with the commission in
21 carrying out the provisions of this section:

22 (a) The state board.

23 (b) The board of trustees of each school district.

24 (c) The superintendent of schools of each school district.

25 (d) The department.

26 5. The commission shall:

27 (a) Develop technical standards for educational technology and any
28 electrical or structural appurtenances necessary thereto, including, without
29 limitation, uniform specifications for computer hardware and wiring, to
30 ensure that such technology is compatible, uniform and can be
31 interconnected throughout the public schools of this state.

32 (b) Allocate money to the school districts from the trust fund for
33 educational technology created pursuant to NRS 388.800 and any money
34 appropriated by the legislature for educational technology, subject to any
35 priorities for such allocation established by the legislature.

36 (c) Establish criteria for the board of trustees of a school district that
37 receives an allocation of money from the commission to:

38 (1) Repair, replace and maintain computer systems.

39 (2) Upgrade and improve computer hardware and software and other
40 educational technology.

41 (3) Provide training, installation and technical support related to the
42 use of educational technology within the district.

1 (d) Submit to the governor, the committee and the department its plan
2 for the use of educational technology in the public schools of this state and
3 any recommendations for legislation.

4 (e) Review the plan annually and make revisions as it deems necessary
5 or as directed by the committee or the department.

6 (f) In addition to the recommendations set forth in the plan pursuant to
7 subsection 2, make further recommendations to the committee and the
8 department as the commission deems necessary.

9 6. *The commission may appoint an advisory committee composed of*
10 *members of the commission or other qualified persons to provide*
11 *recommendations to the commission regarding standards for the*
12 *establishment, coordination and use of a telecommunications network in*
13 *the public schools throughout the various school districts in this state.*
14 *The advisory committee serves at the pleasure of the commission and*
15 *without compensation unless an appropriation or other money for that*
16 *purpose is made available by the legislature.*

17 7. As used in this section, "public school" includes the Caliente youth
18 center and the Nevada youth training center.

19 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.