

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Clary

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; creating the  
3           Harnessing the Power of Education Technology  
4           Advisory Council; providing for membership,  
5           powers, and duties; requiring a report;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. (1) The Harnessing the Power of Education  
11 Technology Advisory Council is created, for administrative  
12 purposes, within the Department of Education.

13           (2) The purpose of the council is to recommend  
14 policies and actions regarding the use of technology in public  
15 education; how technology can be leveraged to positively  
16 impact student academic achievement; and how school-based  
17 deployments can effectively bridge the digital divide.

18           (3) The council shall be composed of 15 members as  
19 follows:

20           (a) The Commissioner of Education, who shall serve as  
21 chair.

22           (b) Two representatives appointed by the Governor.

23           (c) Three members of the Senate, one of whom shall be  
24 the chairman of the Education Committee, one of whom shall be  
25 a member of the minority party recommended by the minority  
26 leader, and one chosen by the President of the Senate.

27           (d) Three members of the House of Representatives, one  
28 of whom shall be the chairman of the Education Committee, one  
29 of whom shall be a member of the minority party recommended by  
30 the minority leader, and one chosen by the Speaker of the  
31 House of Representatives.

1           (e) The President of the Florida Association of  
2 District School Superintendents.

3           (f) The President of the Florida Education  
4 Association.

5           (g) Two representatives who are education/technology  
6 coordinators for local school districts. One representative  
7 shall be from an urban district and one shall be from a rural  
8 district.

9           (h) The President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

10          (i) The President of the Florida School Boards  
11 Association.

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13 Each member may appoint a designee to serve on his or her  
14 behalf. However, any designee must be in a position that  
15 reports directly to the member.

16          (4) Members of the council who are appointed shall  
17 serve terms beginning July 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004.  
18 A member may be removed by the appointing officer for cause or  
19 for being absent from three consecutive meetings. Any member  
20 appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term  
21 of his or her predecessor.

22          (5) The council shall meet at least quarterly, but may  
23 meet upon the call of the chair. All actions taken by the  
24 council shall be based upon approval by a simple majority of  
25 those members present.

26          (6) Members of the council shall be reimbursed for per  
27 diem and travel expenses as provided in section 112.061,  
28 Florida Statutes. Members who are state officers or employees  
29 may be reimbursed for such expenses by their respective  
30 agencies.

31          (7) The council shall:

1           (a) Examine large scale, innovative education  
2 technology initiatives, specifically regarding wireless mobile  
3 computing devices, and shall analyze the impact that such  
4 initiatives have on teaching, learning, and student  
5 achievement, including standardized testing.

6           (b) Study the impact that the initiatives have had on  
7 bridging the digital divide.

8           (c) Develop effective methods of measuring student  
9 achievement and learning using technology.

10           (d) Recommend a statewide public-private initiative to  
11 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
12 the House of Representatives regarding the effective use of  
13 technology to improve student academic achievement.

14           (e) Create ad hoc issue-oriented workgroups to make  
15 recommendations to the council and the Governor. Such  
16 workgroups may include private and public sector  
17 representatives.

18           (f) Identify and recommend funding sources to the  
19 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
20 House of Representatives to fund the initiative.

21           Section 2. The council shall submit a report to the  
22 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives not later than October 15, 2004.

24           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

1                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
2                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
3                   Senate Bill 1146  
4                   Creates the Harnessing the Power of Education Technology  
5                   Advisory Council in the Department of Education.  
6                   Establishes purpose of advisory council as recommending  
7                   policies and actions regarding the use of technology in public  
8                   education generally, to impact student achievement, and to  
9                   help bridge the digital divide.  
10                  Provides for membership of the 15-member advisory council.  
11                  Requires the advisory council to examine education technology  
12                  initiatives, to study the impact of such initiatives on the  
13                  digital divide, to develop methods of measuring student  
14                  learning using technology, to recommend a statewide initiative  
15                  regarding student use of technology, to create issue-oriented  
16                  workgroups to make recommendations to the council and the  
17                  Governor, and to identify funding sources for the technology  
18                  initiative.  
19                  Requires the advisory council to submit a report to the  
20                  Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
21                  House of Representatives by October 15, 2004.  
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