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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, including the
24 chairman of the Education Committee, a member of the minority
25 party recommended by the minority leader, and a member chosen
26 by the President of the Senate.

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

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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 must be from an urban district and one must 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 shall be appointed to terms
17 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2005. A member
18 may be removed by the appointing officer for cause or for
19 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 representatives of the private sector
17 and of the public sector.

18 (f) Identify and recommend to the Governor, the
19 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives sources for funding 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 by October 15, 2005.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Creates the Harnessing the Power of Education Technology
29 Advisory Council. Provides for council membership,
30 powers, and duties. Requires a report to the Governor,
31 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House
 of Representatives.