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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 2173

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for research and training regarding the most
2 efficient and effective uses of technology funding in public
3 schools.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 14B.102, subsection 2, Code Supplement
2 2001, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. m. Determining the most efficient and
4 effective uses of public school technology funding in grades
5 kindergarten through twelve. The information technology
6 department, in coordination with the department of education,
7 shall collect information relating to the utilization of
8 technology in education and analyze that information on an
9 ongoing basis to determine which practices have proven most
10 effective in enhancing student performance in the classroom
11 and in actively engaging students in educational pursuits. In
12 consultation with the department of education, the information
13 technology department shall coordinate efforts undertaken
14 pursuant to this paragraph with the educational technology
15 assistance program established pursuant to section 256.33.
16 Information collected and analyzed shall be utilized by the
17 departments to jointly develop technology assistance seminars.
18 The seminars shall be conducted by area education agencies and
19 shall be designed to demonstrate to local school districts how
20 best to integrate technology into the classroom in order to
21 achieve measurable and meaningful results. The department
22 shall submit a report to the members of the general assembly
23 by January 15 annually regarding information collected during
24 the previous year, advancements in technology which have been
25 communicated to school districts, and results which have been
26 achieved using classroom technology.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides that the information technology
29 department shall, in coordination with the department of
30 education, collect and analyze information relating to the
31 effective utilization of technology in grades kindergarten
32 through 12. The bill provides that collection efforts shall
33 focus on which practices have proven most effective in
34 enhancing student performance in the classroom and in actively
35 engaging students in educational pursuits. The bill provides

1 that information collected and analyzed shall be utilized by
2 the departments to jointly develop technology assistance
3 seminars to be conducted by area education agencies and to be
4 designed to assist local school districts in the
5 implementation of best practices relating to the integration
6 of technology into the classroom. The bill provides that the
7 department shall submit a report to the general assembly by
8 January 15 annually regarding information collected during the
9 previous year, advancements in technology which have been
10 communicated to school districts, and results which have been
11 achieved using classroom technology.

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