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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the development of a master Iowa  
2 communication network video schedule and calendar for school  
3 district use.

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

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1 Section 1. K-12 ICN MASTER VIDEO SCHEDULING. The public  
2 broadcasting division of the department of education shall  
3 convene a working group to study and develop an Iowa  
4 communications network (ICN) master video schedule and  
5 calendar for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) that  
6 encourage school districts to integrate telecommunications  
7 into the curriculum, support the development of distance  
8 learning instructional activities that can be shared by  
9 districts regionally or statewide via the ICN, and expand the  
10 educational community user base.

11 The working group shall consist of representatives of  
12 school district and area education agency administrators and  
13 curriculum directors, regional schedulers and regional  
14 telecommunications council coordinators, and the education  
15 telecommunications council, along with the administrator of  
16 the division or the administrator's designee, the director of  
17 the department of education or the director's designee, and  
18 the executive director of the Iowa telecommunications and  
19 technology commission or the executive director's designee.

20 The working group shall conduct a statewide K-12 distance  
21 learning needs assessment that examines the current status of  
22 course and class sharing and determines the impact of future  
23 teacher shortages and declining enrollment trends, and the  
24 potential of integrating ICN distance learning activities with  
25 regional academies. The working group shall also seek and  
26 evaluate examples of scheduling agreements and arrangements  
27 for ICN use entered into by school districts.

28 The working group shall submit its recommendations to the  
29 education telecommunications council for consideration. Any  
30 recommendations for legislation proposed by the working group  
31 shall be submitted to the general assembly by January 15,  
32 2002.

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#### EXPLANATION

34 This bill directs the public broadcasting division (Iowa  
35 public television) to convene a working group to study and

1 develop a kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) Iowa  
2 communications network (ICN) master video schedule and  
3 calendar that encourages school districts to voluntarily move  
4 to class and course scheduling that results in increased usage  
5 of the ICN for distance learning and learning activities.

6 The working group is made up of representatives from school  
7 districts, area education agencies, the regional  
8 telecommunications councils, the education telecommunications  
9 council, the Iowa telecommunications and technology  
10 commission, the public broadcasting division, and the  
11 department of education.

12 The working group is to conduct a statewide K-12 distance  
13 learning needs assessment and seek and evaluate examples of  
14 scheduling agreements and arrangements for ICN use entered  
15 into by school districts.

16 The working group must submit its recommendation to the  
17 education telecommunications council for consideration. The  
18 working group must submit any proposals for legislation to the  
19 general assembly by January 15, 2002.

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