

Legislative Update on bills affecting educational telecommunications/1-28-2008

LB 823 *To change provisions relating to enterprise projects, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Chief Information Officer, the technical panel, and the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund; to provide powers and duties to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and the Chief Information Officer. (Hearing 1/22/08)*

- A) Requires that all state-funded or state-supported I.T. projects using general, cash, or Federal funds submit a project request as part of the budget process;
- B) The NITC may adopt formatting guidelines and may monitor the progress of any such project and require project reports;
- C) Determine the format for reporting information technology assets;
- D) By September 15 of each even-numbered year, all agencies, boards and commissions shall submit to the Chief Information Officer an information technology plan that includes an accounting of all technology assets, including planned acquisitions and upgrades;
- E) The Chief Information Officer and the NITC shall monitor the status of enterprise projects;
- F) The “representative from the project sector” is removed from the Technical Panel membership;
- G) The NITC shall develop a program that determines “enterprise information technology projects”;
- H) The Information Technology Infrastructure Fund shall be used to attain the goals in the Statewide Technology Plan.

LB 959 *Provide for Deficit Appropriations (Hearing 2/5/08)*

AGENCY NO. 51, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, pp 32-33

“There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2007-08 \$10,000,000 General Funds for a Student Information System to be used by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges. It is intended that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska participate in joint planning for a Student Information System with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and adopt a system that will be utilized by both postsecondary education sectors. The planning and the system adopted may include an Enterprise Resource Planning System for the state colleges. The planning undertaken shall be in coordination with the Office of the Chief Information Officer.”

LB 986 (13 pages) *Establishes the Electronics Recycling Act (Hearing 1/31/08)*

LB 988 (142 pages) *To change provisions relating to a tax levy for learning communities; to redefine terms; to provide for elementary class size restrictions; to change provisions relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to eliminate a provision relating to recalculation. (Hearing 2/11/08)*

LB 1061 *Fees, rebates, and grants relating to electronic equipment recycling (Hearing 1/31/08)*

- A) Places a \$3 charge at time of purchase on every electronic device sold in Nebraska; \$2.50 of which goes to the Department of Revenue;
- B) Allows for \$1 rebate on each item of electronic equipment accepted by retailers for recycling;
- C) Defines electronic equipment as computer, monitor, television;
- D) Defines computer, monitor and television.

LB 1151 *Change provisions related to distance education and telecommunications (Hearing 2/25/08)*

- A) Allows for districts to exceed their annual growth rate in the first year of joining Network Nebraska;
- B) Modifies the requirement for a district’s video course delivery from four years to four consecutive years, following its acceptance of equipment reimbursement;
- C) Clarifies that incentive payments shall be paid on or before October 1 of such year.