

Legislative Update on bills affecting educational telecommunications/3-5-2008

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.
- I) Creates the Geographic Information Systems Council and NIDCAC Advisory Group under the NITC
Status: Legislative Performance Audit Committee PRIORITY BILL PASSED with AM1614 and AM1786 on 3/4/08 with a vote of 47-0-2.

LB 829 *Provides PSC the authority to review rates for telehealth and E-911 services*

Status: Heard in Transportations/Telecommunications Committee on 1/22/08

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

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“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...”

Status: Heard in Appropriations Committee on 2/4/08

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

Status: Sen. Preister PRIORITY BILL, on General File with AM1998

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)* **Status: Education Committee PRIORITY BILL, on General File with AM2128**

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

Status: Indefinitely Postponed

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

Status: Heard in Education Committee on 2/25/08