SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5906

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By Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Eide, Regala, Kastama, Hewitt, Hochstatter and Kohl-Welles)

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1   AN ACT Relating to technology planning for public schools; creating
2 new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that when the basic
5 education act was enacted in 1977, digital technology as an
6 instructional tool was not available. The legislature further finds
7 that computers and access to vast amounts of information over the
8 internet are becoming increasingly important tools for teaching and
9 learning in classrooms throughout the state of Washington. The
10 legislature further finds that there are large discrepancies in access
11 to technology in different school districts in the state and even in
12 various schools within the same school district. The legislature
13 intends to study the application of technology in schools and school
14 districts across the state, what technology is currently available in
15 the schools, how the technology is funded, the differences in use and
16 access among districts, and the future requirements for technology in
17 the schools.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The technology in education task force is
 2   created.   The technology in education task force shall develop
 3   recommendations about the use of technology and recommendations about
 4   funding technology in the schools after conducting a study. The study
 5   shall focus on the application of technology in grades three through
 6   twelve. The study shall be completed not later than November 1, 2001,
 7   and the recommendations shall be submitted to the education and fiscal
 8   committees of the house of representatives and the senate. The study
 9   shall include but not be limited to:
10   (1) The technology currently available in schools and school
11   districts. Technology includes but is not limited to computers, local
12   area networks, and access to electronic media on the internet;
13   (2) Methods school districts are using currently to fund technology
14   and recommendations for the future;
15   (3) Plans to update the technology including any replacement
16   schedules;
17   (4) Training in the use of technology;
18   (5) Integration of technology into the curriculum;
19   (6) The different uses of technology in upper elementary grades,
20   middle school, and high school; and
21   (7) Applications of technology in schools in other states and how
22   that technology is funded.

23   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The technology in education task force shall
24   consist of the following voting members or their designees: The
25   governor; one member from each major caucus of the senate, appointed by
26   the president of the senate; one member from each major caucus of the
27   house of representatives, appointed by the co-speakers of the house of
28   representatives; the superintendent of public instruction; the chair of
29   the information services board; one representative of the community and
30   technical colleges, appointed by the state board for community and
31   technical colleges; one educational service district superintendent,
32   one school district superintendent, one principal, and one teacher,
33   each appointed by the superintendent of public instruction; two
34   representatives appointed by the higher education coordinating board;
35   and one representative of the computer or digital technology industry
36   and three members of the general public, each appointed by the
37   governor. The superintendent of public instruction and the governor,
38   or their designees, shall cochair the task force.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires December 1, 2001.

2   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
3   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
4   state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
5   immediately.

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