

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-037

State of Arkansas
86th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1534

By: Representatives Blount, T. Baker, E. Brown, Chesterfield, Davenport, Davis, S. Dobbins, Hardy,
House, D. Hutchinson, W. Lewellen, Medley, Powers, Reep, Walters
By: Senator Steele

Referred to
Education Committee- House
by the House of Representatives
on 03/02/2007

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE LEARNING COMMISSION;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE LEARNING
COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 1 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 4 – MOBILE LEARNING

6-1-401. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that a commission should be established for the purpose of enriching the mobile learning environment of students with bus rides of more than one (1) hour to or from school and reducing the loss of those students' academic preparation time.

6-1-402. Mobile Learning Commission.

(a) There is created the Mobile Learning Commission.

1 (b)(1) The commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed as
 2 follows:

3 (A) The Governor shall appoint three (3) members as
 4 follows:

5 (i) One (1) member who shall be a representative of
 6 Arkansas business;

7 (ii) One (1) member who shall be a representative of
 8 the Arkansas Education Association; and

9 (iii) One (1) member who shall be a parent or
 10 guardian of at least one (1) student currently enrolled in kindergarten
 11 through grade twelve (K-12) in a public school in the state that was
 12 previously consolidated or annexed under Act 60;

13 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 14 appoint one (1) member who shall be a representative of higher education;

15 (C) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint
 16 one (1) member who shall be a representative of Arkansas business;

17 (D) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education shall
 18 appoint one (1) member who is currently employed as a teacher in kindergarten
 19 through grade twelve (K-12) in a public school system in the state; and

20 (E) The Chair of the House Committee on Education shall
 21 appoint one (1) member who shall be a representative of the administration of
 22 a public school in the state.

23 (2)(A) Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
 24 authority.

25 (B) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the original
 26 appointing authority shall appoint a successor.

27 (3) The person appointed by the Governor under subdivision
 28 (b)(1)(A)(i) of this section shall serve as the chair of the commission.

29 (4) The commission shall meet initially whenever called by the
 30 chair.

31 (5) Four (4) members of the commission is a quorum for the
 32 transaction of business.

33 (6) Members of the board shall serve without pay but may be
 34 reimbursed for expenses under § 25-16-902.

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 36 6-1-403. Commission duties.

1 The commission shall:

2 (1) Review mobile learning technologies;

3 (2) Review customized curriculum supplements that engage students with
4 rigorous standards-based and relevant educational content dealing with
5 academic and fiscal accountability for each public school or school district
6 and to report academic progress;

7 (3) Investigate instructor-led media-rich distance learning
8 applications that allow students to review academic content in mathematics
9 and literacy such as the inclusion of video, flash movies, and on-board
10 tutors; and

11 (4) No later than September 30 of each year, provide a progress and
12 recommendations report to the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on Education
13 Reform, the House Interim Committee on Education, and the Senate Interim
14 Committee on Education.

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