

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1015

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

A Concurrent Resolution directing all public educational institutions to investigate and consider wiring facilities for distance learning; recommending review of certain parameters when developing plans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the State of Oklahoma to provide all students in the state with equal educational opportunities, regardless of economic or geographic status; and

WHEREAS, in order for students in Oklahoma to achieve their highest potential and to compete in today's environment it is imperative that educational institutions provide learning experiences through state-of-the-art technology; and

WHEREAS, every student in Oklahoma deserves to receive educational benefits which can be offered through distance learning; and

WHEREAS, distance learning is defined as the transmission of educational information and interaction of geographically dispersed individuals or groups through a single medium or a combination of audio, video and data; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes that distance learning can enhance the educational opportunities for all students, especially those with unique needs or situations; and

WHEREAS, currently the technology exists and is available for distance learning; however, making that technology and information accessible to every school in the state is a problem that needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes that all public educational institutions in the state have an obligation to

utilize the opportunity when constructing a new educational facility or renovating an existing educational facility to install wiring in the facility which can accommodate the equipment necessary for transmission of educational information through various mediums; and

WHEREAS, by installing the necessary wiring for distance learning when other construction or renovation is occurring will allow educational institutions to save money and avoid costly independent retro-fitting at a later time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby directs all public educational institutions in the state, at the time they are developing plans for the construction of a new educational facility or for the renovation of an existing educational facility, to investigate and consider the inclusion of wiring and other equipment necessary for distance learning.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature further recommends that public educational institutions, when developing construction or renovation plans, consult with local telecommunications hardware and service providers to determine options for hardware and services available to the schools, review the availability of existing distance learning programs which they may participate in and determine the cost of the wiring and other equipment necessary for preparing the facility for distance learning capability.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the State Board of Education and to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to each school district in the state, to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and State Director of Vocational and Technical Education for distribution to each area vocational technical school in the state, and to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Chancellor of Higher Education for distribution to each public institution of higher education in the state.

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