

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1015

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution directing school districts to investigate and consider wiring schools 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 schools 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 school districts 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 school districts 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 school districts 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 school districts, when developing construction or renovation plans, consult with local telecommunications hardware and service providers to determine options for hardware and services available to the school district, 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 Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to each school district in the state.

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