

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1153

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER8234)

Introduced by Raikes, 25.

1           1. Insert the following new sections:

2           Sec. 7. Section 79-1248, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
3 2007, is amended to read:

4           79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service  
5 Unit Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:

6           (1) Providing public access to lists of qualified  
7 distance education courses;

8           (2) Collecting and providing school schedules for  
9 participating educational entities;

10          (3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance  
11 education courses;

12          (4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to  
13 be purchased by educational entities;

14          (5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation  
15 of distance education services;

16          (6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth  
17 by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and academic  
18 standards as set forth by the State Department of Education related  
19 to distance education;

20          (7) Establishment of a system, in cooperation with the  
21 Chief Information Officer, for prioritizing courses if the demand  
22 for Network Nebraska exceeds the capacity available for distance

1 education and for choosing receiving educational entities when the  
2 demand for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either  
3 the technology available or the course provider;

4 (8) ~~Scheduling and prioritization for access to Network~~  
5 ~~Nebraska by educational entities in cooperation with the Chief~~  
6 ~~Information Officer and using Coordination of scheduling software~~  
7 ~~or scheduling services which provide a distance education~~  
8 ~~clearinghouse and device control and which meet any applicable~~  
9 standards established by the commission;

10 (9) Administration of learning management systems that  
11 are in compliance with any applicable standards of the commission  
12 either through the staff of the council or by delegation to an  
13 appropriate educational entity with the funding for such systems  
14 provided by participating educational entities; and

15 (10) Coordination with educational service units and  
16 postsecondary educational institutions to provide assistance for  
17 instructional design for both two-way interactive video distance  
18 education courses and the offering of graduate credit courses in  
19 distance education.

20 Sec. 8. Section 86-5,100, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
21 2007, is amended to read:

22 86-5,100 The Chief Information Officer, in partnership  
23 with the University of Nebraska, shall develop and maintain a  
24 statewide, multipurpose, high capacity, scalable telecommunications  
25 network to be called Network Nebraska. The network shall consist of  
26 contractual arrangements with providers to meet the demand of state  
27 agencies, local governments, and educational entities as defined in

1 section 79-1201.01. Such network shall provide access to a reliable  
2 and affordable infrastructure capable of carrying a spectrum of  
3 services and applications, including distance education, across  
4 the state. The Chief Information Officer shall provide access  
5 to each school district, each educational service unit, each  
6 community college, each state college, and the University of  
7 Nebraska at the earliest feasible date and no later than July  
8 1, 2012. Access may be provided through educational service units  
9 or other aggregation points. Each participating school district  
10 and educational service unit may be required to participate in  
11 a distance education clearinghouse coordinated by the Educational  
12 Service Unit Coordinating Council but shall not be required to  
13 participate in device control. The Chief Information Officer shall  
14 aggregate demand for those state agencies and educational entities  
15 choosing to participate and shall reduce costs for participants  
16 whenever feasible. The Chief Information Officer shall establish a  
17 cost structure based on actual costs plus administrative expenses  
18 and shall charge participants according to such cost structure.

19 2. On page 14, line 20, strike "and 79-1104.04" and  
20 insert ", 79-1104.04, 79-1248, and 86-5,100".

21 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.