

AFTER-SCHOOL ACCESS TO COMPUTERS

TASK FORCE

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Millie M. Peterson

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; CREATING THE AFTER-SCHOOL ACCESS TO COMPUTERS TASK FORCE; DEFINING TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; APPROPRIATING \$29,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING A REPORTING DATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Task force creation -- Membership.

There is created the After-School Access to Computers Task Force consisting of the following members:

(1) five members of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same party, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) three members of the Senate, no more than ~~§ [three]~~ TWO § of whom may be from the same party,

appointed by the president of the Senate;

(3) the state librarian; and

(4) the following persons, to be appointed by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives:

(a) two county librarians from different counties in the state;

(b) one member of the state board of education;

(c) two representatives from a private business engaged in the business of selling computer access time to the public for data processing purposes; and

(d) one representative from the League of Cities and Towns.

Section 2. Appointment of chairs.

1 The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed to the task
2 force under Section (1) as Senate cochair of the task force. The speaker of the House of
3 Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed to the task
4 force under Section (1) as the House cochair of the task force.

5 Section 3. **Quorum -- Rules.**

6 A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of the
7 majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

8 Section 4. **Task force duties.**

9 The task force shall:

10 (1) examine the availability of computers with word processing programs to school-age
11 children in the state;

12 (2) examine current public school policies with respect to after-hours access to computers
13 for students;

14 (3) study the pilot program in the Granger and Magna libraries to provide access to word
15 processing computers for school-age children;

16 (4) study the costs, benefits, and administrative barriers to making computers with word
17 processing capabilities available in public libraries;

18 (5) study the costs, benefits, and administrative barriers to providing increased after-hours
19 access to school computers;

20 (6) determine the most appropriate way to secure access to word processing computers for
21 school-age children; and

22 (7) report its findings and recommendations to the Education Interim Committee and the
23 State & Local Affairs Interim Committee on or before their November 1998 interim meeting.

24 Section 5. **Salaries and expenses.**

25 Salaries and expenses of task force members who are legislators shall be paid in accordance
26 with Section 36-2-2 and Joint Rule 15.03. Members of the task force who are not legislators may
27 not receive salaries or expenses for their work associated with the task force.

28 Section 6. **Staff support.**

29 The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the
30 task force.

31 Section 7. **Appropriation.**

1 There is appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal year 1998-99:
2 (1) \$3,500 to the Senate for salary and expenses of senators who are members of the task
3 force;
4 (2) \$6,000 to the House of Representatives for salary and expenses of representatives who
5 are members of the task force; and
6 (3) \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel for staffing
7 expenses associated with the task force.

8 Section 8. **Effective date.**
9 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect
10 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
11 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the
12 date of veto override.

13 Section 9. **Repeal date.**
14 This act is repealed November 30, 1998.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel