

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 226

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 16, after “regulations;” insert “requiring the State Department of Education to monitor compliance with certain requirements and report to the General Assembly each year on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act;”.

On page 2, in line 6, after “Section” insert “7-901 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 9, insert:

“7-901.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “COMPUTER-BASED TECHNOLOGY” MEANS COMPUTER HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE USED BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN THE DELIVERY OF AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM.

(C) “Eligible consortium” includes a local educational agency and a public or private nonprofit organization.

[~~(c)~~] (D) “Instructional programming” means the full range of audio and video text, graphics, or additional state-of-the-art communications distributed through interactive, command and control, or passive methods for the purpose of education and instruction.

[~~(d)~~] (E) “Students” means students from a broad range of backgrounds and

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circumstances, including:

- (1) Disadvantaged students;
- (2) Students with diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds;
- (3) Students with disabilities;
- (4) Students with limited English proficiency;
- (5) Students who have dropped out of school; and
- (6) Academically talented students.

[(e)] (F) “Technology” means the latest state-of-the-art technology products and services, including:

- (1) Closed circuit television systems;
- (2) Educational television and radio broadcasting;
- (3) Cable television;
- (4) Satellite;
- (5) Copper and fiber optic transmission;
- (6) Computer;
- (7) Video and audio laser and CD ROM discs; and
- (8) Video and audio tapes or other technologies.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 24, after “(B)” insert:

“(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO TEACHER-DEVELOPED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2005.”

(2)”;

in line 28, strike “DEVELOP,” and substitute “DEVELOP OR”; in the same line, strike “, OR USE”; in line 41, strike “STATE SUPERINTENDENT” and substitute “LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM”; and in line 42, strike “APPROVE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO”.

On page 5, after line 2, insert:

“(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACCESSIBILITY OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PRODUCTS SET FORTH IN COMAR 13.A.05.02; AND

(II) REPORT ITS FINDINGS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR.”.