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03/04/2015	523	Introduction and first reading Referred to Finance See SF3, Art. 6, Sec. 11-13 (First Special Session)

A bill for an act
relating to education; providing for information technology certifications through
public-private partnership; appropriating money.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL; PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) The commissioner of education shall contract with a single provider to provide
information technology education opportunities to students in grades 9 through 12.
This partnership must allow participating students and teachers to secure broad-based
information technology certifications.

(b) The commissioner shall issue a competitive request for proposals, award the
contract, and make available, through participating school districts, charter schools, and
intermediate districts, instruction on information technology skills and competencies
that are essential for career and college readiness. The request for proposals shall at
least include the following components:

- (1) a research-based curriculum;
- (2) online access to the curriculum;
- (3) instructional software for classroom and student use;
- (4) certification of skills and competencies in a broad array of information
technology-related skill areas;
- (5) professional development for teachers; and
- (6) deployment and program support including, but not limited to, integration with
academic standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.021 or 120B.022.

Sec. 2. **CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION.**

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The appropriation made by Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 16, section 16,

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subdivision 5, is canceled.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are

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appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years

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designated.

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Subd. 2. **Information technology certification partnership.** For an information

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technology certification partnership:

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\$ 300,000 2016

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\$ -0- 2017

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This is a onetime appropriation. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but

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is available in the second year.