

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 349

BY SENATOR APPEL

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Creates the Technology Strategy Task Force. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3921.3, relative to the statewide educational technology plan; to require the
3 Department of Education to establish the Technology Strategy Task Force to review
4 the statewide plan; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3921.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§3921.3. Technology Strategy Task Force; creation, membership, duties**

8 **A. There is hereby created the Technology Strategy Task Force,**
9 **hereafter referred to as the "task force", for the purpose of undertaking a**
10 **thorough review and analysis of the statewide technology plan provided for in**
11 **this Part and the status of the technological abilities and projected needs of**
12 **public elementary and secondary schools.**

13 **B. The task force shall be composed of fourteen members as follows:**

14 **(1) One member appointed by the state superintendent of education.**

15 **(2) One member appointed by the Louisiana Schools Boards Association.**

16 **(3) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School**
17 **Superintendents.**

1 (4) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Computer
2 Using Educators.

3 (5) One university faculty member with expertise in technology,
4 appointed by the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities.

5 (6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Internet and Televison
6 Association.

7 (7) Four members with expertise in technology, one appointed by the
8 Louisiana Publishers Association, one appointed by Greater New Orleans, Inc.,
9 one appointed by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, and one appointed by the
10 Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

11 (8) One member appointed by the president of the State Board of
12 Elementary and Secondary Education.

13 (9) One member appointed by the governor.

14 (10) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.

15 (11) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 C. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive any per
18 diem or reimbursement as allowed by the appointing authority.

19 D. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner of original appointment.

20 E. The state superintendent shall convene the first meeting of the task
21 force not later than September 1, 2018, and shall designate state Department of
22 Education staff to assist the task force in performing its duties and
23 responsibilities. The chairman of the task force shall be selected at the first
24 meeting from among the membership of the task force.

25 F. At a minimum, the task force shall:

26 (1) Thoroughly review the statewide educational technology plan as it
27 relates to current capabilities and projected future needs for internet services,
28 facility hardware, individual devices, software applications, and training needs.

29 (2) Examine current capabilities and future needs for technology.

- (5) One university faculty member with expertise in technology, appointed by the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities.
- (6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Internet and Television Association.
- (7) Four members with expertise in technology, one appointed by the Louisiana Publishers Association, one appointed by the Greater New Orleans, Inc., one appointed by the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, and one appointed by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
- (8) One member appointed by the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- (9) One member appointed by the governor.
- (10) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (11) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 17:3921.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

- 1. Changes membership of the task force.
- 2. Makes technical changes.