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1 ETC - 14 State PK-16 Education Technology Plan

No provision.

R.C. 3301.07, 3353.09, Sections 265.10.70,  
265.20.30

Requires the eTech Ohio Commission, instead of the State Board of Education as specified under current law, to develop and implement a state education technology plan. Changes the purpose of the plan from "promoting the use of technological advancements in educational settings" to "creating an aligned preschool to postsecondary educational technology system that complies with federal mandates." Requires eTech to periodically modify the plan as it deems necessary.

No provision.

Requires the State Board of Education, upon eTech's request, to assist eTech in the development and modification of the state education technology plan.

No provision.

Makes conforming changes to budget language related to GRF appropriation items 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, and 200446, Education Management Information System in the ODE budget. (These two items are parts of the funding sources for the state education technology plan.)

**Fiscal effect: eTech may incur increased administrative costs for developing and implementing the education technology plan while ODE may experience decreased administrative costs related to the plan.**

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2 ETC - 10 Interactive Distance Learning Pilot Project

No provision.

R.C. 3353.20

Requires eTech to develop and implement an interactive distance learning pilot project to provide, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, access to at least three free interactive distance learning courses for all high schools operated by school districts, including two advanced placement courses and one foreign language course.

No provision.

Requires eTech to: (1) contract with and pay the compensation for teachers to develop and teach the courses offered by the pilot project; (2) produce and broadcast the courses offered by the pilot project; (3) provide funds for schools to purchase video conferencing telecommunications equipment and connectivity devices, if necessary, for participation; (4) assist schools in arranging for the purchase and installation of telecommunications equipment and connectivity devices; (5) pay, for up to one school year, the cost of upgrading internet service for certain schools; and (6) offer training in the use of the telecommunications equipment.

No provision.

Requires ODE, in consultation with the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, to select courses to be offered by the pilot project and to develop standards for the curriculum of each course selected.

No provision.

Requires eTech and ODE, in consultation with the Chancellor, to select teachers to develop and teach the courses offered by the pilot project.

No provision.

Specifies that each high school determine the manner in which and facilities at which students may participate in

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No provision.

courses consistent with specifications for technology and connectivity required by eTech.

Specifies that the grade for a student enrolled in the course offered through the pilot project be assigned by the course teacher and transmitted to the student's high school.

No provision.

Requires eTech, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Chancellor to submit, by December 31, 2010, an evaluation of the pilot project and legislative recommendations for changes to the pilot project to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$2 million in FY 2010 to GRF appropriation item 935427, Distance Learning Pilot Project, and \$4.5 million in each fiscal year to SSR Fund 5GP0 appropriation item 935609, Interactive Distance Learning Program, for the pilot project.**

3 ETC - 1 Statehouse News Bureau

**Section: 281.20**

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935401, Statehouse News Bureau, be used solely to support the operation of the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

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Same as the Executive.

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## 4 ETC - 2 Ohio Government Telecommunications Services

**Section: 281.20**

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935402, Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, be used solely to support the operation of the Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, which include providing multimedia support to the state government and its affiliated organizations and broadcasting the activities of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of state government.

**Section: 281.20**

Same as the Executive.

## 5 ETC - 3 Technology Operations

**Section: 281.20**

No provision.

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Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935409, Technology Operations, be used to pay expenses of eTech's infrastructure, which includes the television and radio

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Earmarks \$3,000,000 in FY 2010 of GRF appropriation item 935409, Technology Operations, for contracting with an entity to provide up to 5,000 online advanced placement courses to public school students in Ohio and earmarks \$3,000,000 in FY 2011 of the same item for maintaining a clearinghouse for online advanced placement courses.

Specifies that school districts that have students participating in the program not be charged a fee in fiscal year 2010, but may be charged a fee in fiscal year 2011 through the clearinghouse.

Specifies that students participating in the program receive services free of charge.

Same as the Executive, but specifies that the remainder of GRF appropriation item 935409, Technology Operations, be used for those purposes.

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transmission infrastructure and the K-12 telecommunity infrastructure.

6 ETC - 4 Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution

Section: 281.20

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, be used for the development, acquisition, and distribution of information resources by public media and radio reading services and for educational use in the classroom and online. Makes the following earmarks:

(1) Up to \$1,104,605 in FY 2010 and up to \$1,104,905 in FY 2011 to be allocated equally among Ohio's 12 educational television stations and used with the advice and approval of eTech. Specifies that funds be used for the production of interactive instructional programming series with priority given to resources aligned with state academic content standards in consultation with ODE and for teleconferences to support eTech. Requires that funding be targeted to the needs of the poorest 200 school districts as determined by the district's adjusted valuation per pupil as defined in former section 3317.0213 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to June 30, 2005.

(2) Up to \$2,696,736 in FY 2010 and up to \$2,696,336 in FY 2011 to be distributed by eTech to support the operations of Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and radio stations. Specifies that the funds be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network

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Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by eTech in consultation with Ohio's qualified educational television stations and radio stations.

(3) Up to \$336,965 in FY 2010 and up to \$337,003 in FY 2011 to be distributed by eTech to support the operations of Ohio's qualified radio reading services. Specifies that the funds be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by eTech in consultation with Ohio's qualified radio reading services.

Same as the Executive.

**7 ETC - 8 Technology Integration and Professional Development**

**Section: 281.30**

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935411, Technology Integration and Professional Development, be used by eTech for the provision of staff development, hardware, software, telecommunications services, and information resources in support of educational uses of technology in the classroom and at a distance and for teacher, administrator, and technology staff professional development in qualifying schools, including the School for the Blind, the School for the Deaf, and the Department of Youth Services. Makes the following earmark:

Up to \$2,575,641 in FY 2010 and up to \$2,575,966 in FY 2011 to contract with educational television to provide Ohio public schools with instructional resources and services. Specifies that priority be given to resources and services aligned with state academic standards and be based upon the advice and approval of eTech, based on a formula

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used by the Ohio SchoolNet Commission unless a substitute formula is developed by eTech in consultation with Ohio's educational technology agencies and noncommercial education television stations.

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8      ETC - 11      Distance Learning Pilot Project

No provision.

**Section: 281.35**

Specifies that GRF appropriation item 935427, Distance Learning Pilot Project, be used by eTech to create an interactive distance learning pilot project and to hire teachers to develop and teach the courses pursuant to R.C. 3353.20.

No provision.

Specifies that any remaining funds after those two purposes are completed may be used by eTech to provide funds to assist non-Title I schools in purchasing video conferencing telecommunications equipment and to upgrade Internet service.

No provision.

Specifies, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3353.20 of the Revised Code, that no non-Title I school or school district be entitled to funds for purchasing equipment, connectivity devices, or Internet upgrades or to assistance from eTech in arranging for the purchase and installation of the equipment and connectivity devices.

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## 9 ETC - 13 Interactive Distance Learning Program - Title I Schools

No provision.

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Specifies that SSR Fund 5GP0 appropriation item 935609, Interactive Distance Learning Program, be used by eTech to provide competitive grants to Title I schools for their participation in the interactive distance learning pilot project notwithstanding anything to the contrary in R.C. 3353.20,.

No provision.

Specifies that eTech (1) issue a request for proposals (RFP) for awards before or during the 2009-2010 school year; (2) limit the number of grants so that each grant recipient receives an amount sufficient to ensure full participation in the program; (3) solicit all Title I schools to participate in the program; (4) require 25% of any grant award be used for professional development, which is to include at least one component of training in the classroom and any training conducted by eTech that eTech deems necessary for participation; (5) contract for the development and offering of interactive distance learning courses; (6) require each Title I school submitting proposals to specify the amount, if any, needed to purchase video conferencing telecommunications equipment and the cost of upgrading the schools; (7) require each Title I school submitting proposals to specify the amount needed to upgrade its Internet connection; (8) assist schools in arranging for the purchase and installation of telecommunications equipment; and (9) retain 5% of the appropriated funds to administer and oversee the program.

No provision.

Specifies that eTech, in awarding grants, give priority to: (1) school districts for which advanced placement (AP) or foreign language course offerings make up less than 1% of

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No provision.

the district's total course offerings; (2) schools and school districts that without additional assistance lack the necessary connectivity to offer interactive distance learning courses; (3) schools and school districts that demonstrate commitment to appropriately supporting distance learning offerings; (4) schools and school districts that without additional assistance lack the necessary equipment to offer interactive distance learning courses; and (5) school districts that demonstrate that the courses will take place during the day.

Specifies that eTech is not obligated to use more than the amount appropriated in the development of, administration of, oversight of, and awarding of funds.

10 ETC - 12 Transfer from the Technology Literacy Transfer Fund (Fund 3S20)

No provision.

**Section: 281.37**

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year from the Technology Literacy Transfer Fund (Fund 3S20) used by ODE to the newly created Interactive Distance Learning Program Fund (Fund 5GP0) to be used by eTech Ohio for the awarding of grants to Title I schools under the Interactive Distance Learning Program.

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## 11      ETC - 5      Telecommunity

**Section: 281.40**

Specifies that SSR Fund 4W90 appropriation item 935630, Telecommunity, be used by eTech on a grant basis to eligible school districts to establish distance learning through interactive video technologies in the school districts.

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Same as the Executive.

## 12      ETC - 6      Distance Learning

**Section: 281.40**

Specifies that SSR Fund 4X10 appropriation item 935634, Distance Learning, be used to by eTech on a grant basis to eligible school districts to establish distance learning in the school districts.

**Section: 281.40**

Same as the Executive.

## 13      ETC - 7      Gates Foundation Grants

**Section: 281.40**

Specifies that SSR Fund 5T30 appropriation item 935607, Gates Foundation Grants, be used to provide professional development to school district principals, superintendents, and other administrative staff on the use of education technology.

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Same as the Executive.