

CHAPTER 125B

EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

125B.20 Repealed.
125B.21 Minnesota education telecommunications council.

125B.25 Telecommunications access revenue.

125B.20 Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13; 1999 c 241 art 4 s 19]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13; 1999 c 241 art 4 s 19]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13; 1999 c 241 art 4 s 19; 1Sp2001 c 3 art 4 s 6]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13; 1999 c 241 art 4 s 19]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1Sp1997 c 4 art 9 s 13; 1999 c 241 art 4 s 19]

NOTE: Subdivision 1 was also amended by Laws 2001, First Special Session chapter 3, article 4, section 1. to read as follows:

"Subdivision 1. [Establishment; purpose.] The purpose of developing a statewide school district telecommunications network is to expand the availability of a broad range of courses and degrees to students throughout the state, to share information resources to improve access, quality, and efficiency, to improve learning, and distance cooperative learning opportunities, and to promote the exchange of ideas among students, parents, teachers, media generalists, librarians, and the public. In addition, through the development of this statewide telecommunications network emphasizing cost-effective, competitive connections, all Minnesotans will benefit by enhancing access to telecommunications technology throughout the state. Network connections for school districts and public libraries are coordinated and fully integrated into the existing state telecommunications and interactive television networks to achieve comprehensive and efficient interconnectivity of school districts and libraries to higher education institutions, state agencies, other governmental units, agencies, and institutions throughout Minnesota. A school district may apply to the commissioner for a grant under subdivision 2. The Minnesota education telecommunications council established in Laws 1995, First Special Session chapter 3, article 12, section 7, shall establish priorities for awarding grants, making grant awards, and being responsible for the coordination of networks."

125B.21 MINNESOTA EDUCATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **State council membership.** The membership of the Minnesota education telecommunications council established in Laws 1993, First Special Session chapter 2, is expanded to include representatives of elementary and secondary education. The membership shall consist of three representatives from the University of Minnesota; three representatives of the board of trustees for Minnesota state colleges and universities; one representative of the higher education services offices; one representative appointed by the private college council; one representative selected by the commissioner of administration; eight representatives selected by the commissioner of children, families, and learning, at least one of which must come from each of the six higher education telecommunication regions; a representative from the office of technology; two members each from the senate and the house of representatives selected by the subcommittee on committees of the committee on rules and administration of the senate and the speaker of the house, one member from each body must be a member of the minority party; and three representatives of libraries, one representing regional public libraries, one representing multitype libraries, and one representing community libraries, selected by the governor; and two members, one selected from and representing the higher education regional coordinators and one selected from and representing the kindergarten through grade 12 cluster regions. The council shall serve as a forum to establish and advocate for a statewide vision and plans for the use of distance learning technologies, including:

- (1) the coordination and collaboration of distance learning opportunities;
- (2) the implementation of the use of distance learning technologies;
- (3) the collaboration of distance learning users;
- (4) the implementation of educational policy relating to telecommunications;
- (5) the exchange of ideas;
- (6) the communications with state government and related agencies and entities;
- (7) the coordination of networks for post-secondary campuses, kindergarten through grade 12 education, and regional and community libraries; and

(8) the promotion of consistency of the operation of the learning network with standards of an open system architecture.

Subd. 2. [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2001 c 6 art 4 s 11]

Subd. 3. [Repealed by amendment, 1Sp2001 c 6 art 4 s 11]

History: 1Sp2001 c 6 art 4 s 11

125B.25 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS REVENUE.

Subdivision 1. **Costs to be submitted.** A district shall submit its outstanding ongoing or recurring telecommunications access costs associated with data and video connections to the department of children, families, and learning. Costs of telecommunications hardware or equipment must not be included in the costs submitted by districts to the department. A district may include installation charges associated with new lines or upgraded lines, but may not include costs of hardware or equipment.

Subd. 2. **Guaranteed minimum access.** (a) The ongoing or recurring telecommunications access costs submitted to the department by each district under this section are limited to the operation costs equal to the greater of:

(1) one data or video connection that relies on a transport medium that operates at a minimum speed of 1.544 megabytes per second for each elementary school, middle school, or high school under section 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, and 13; or

(2) one data or video connection that relies on a transport medium that operates at a minimum speed of 1.544 megabytes per second for each district.

(b) A district may include costs associated with cooperative arrangements with other post-secondary institutions, school districts, and community and regional libraries in its geographic region. A district may continue to purchase its ongoing or recurring telecommunications access services through existing contracts.

[For text of subs 3 to 5, see M.S.2000]

Subd. 6. **Revenue for charter schools.** (a) Each charter school shall receive revenue equal to the greater of:

(1) the per marginal cost pupil unit amount for the district in which the charter school is located as determined by the commissioner according to subdivision 4; or

(2) \$5;

times the adjusted marginal cost pupil units for that year, times 65 percent.

(b) A charter school's revenue under this subdivision must be used to pay for ongoing or recurring telecommunication access costs, including access to data and video connections, including Internet access.

[For text of subs 7 to 10, see M.S.2000]

History: 1Sp2001 c 6 art 4 s 12-14