

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1619

By Committee on Education

2-13

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting information technology
2 education opportunities in Kansas public schools.

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4 WHEREAS, Acquiring skills on the latest technologies helps students
5 to become better collaborators, communicators, critical thinkers,
6 innovators, problem solvers and citizens of our global economy; and

7 WHEREAS, A goal of the state of Kansas is to prepare students to live,
8 learn and work as productive citizens in the 21st century; and

9 WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature intends to provide for a public
10 school system which promotes the educational achievements of students
11 and encourages student successes in the classroom; and

12 WHEREAS, Many Kansas employers already expect and demand 21st
13 century information technology skills and industry-recognized information
14 technology certifications; and

15 WHEREAS, Employment in the information technology field is
16 projected to grow rapidly as employers and consumers continue to
17 increase the use of information technology services; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the next decade, information technology
19 employment opportunities are projected to outpace similar professional,
20 scientific and technical industries; and

21 WHEREAS, Implementing information technology education
22 programs in Kansas public schools will prepare students for a competitive
23 global economy, will help students capitalize on future career opportunities
24 and will strengthen Kansas' workforce and economy; and

25 WHEREAS, Information technology programs in Kansas public
26 schools will boost students' workforce readiness, will drive academic
27 transition and enhance pre-college preparation; and

28 WHEREAS, A suitable information technology education program will
29 provide students with industry-relevant skills-based learning and provide
30 the opportunity for students to graduate with a broad base of industry-
31 recognized certifications; and

32 WHEREAS, Such information technology education program must
33 also provide teachers, staff, administrators and employees with the
34 necessary training, guidance, tools and support in order for students to
35 most effectively benefit from the information technology program: Now,
36 therefore,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
2 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature supports the
3 implementation and oversight *by the **Kansas state board of education*** of
4 a statewide information technology education program in Kansas public
5 schools that offers the very latest information technology curriculum,
6 industry-recognized certifications, sustainable long-term learning
7 framework and professional development for instructors.