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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 934**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 26, 2015

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An act to ~~amend Section 11800 of~~ *add Section 11801* to the Education Code, relating to education technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 934, as amended, Bonilla. Education technology: K–12 High-Speed Network: ~~advisory board duties.~~ *professional development.*

Existing law establishes the K–12 High-Speed Network (K–12 HSN) for the purpose of enriching pupil educational experiences and improving pupil academic performance by providing high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity to the public schools. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ~~use a competitive grant process to select a local educational agency to serve as the Lead Education Agency to administer the K–12 HSN on behalf of the Superintendent.~~ Existing law requires the Superintendent to establish a K–12 HSN advisory board composed of various members. Existing law requires the K–12 HSN advisory board to meet quarterly and to recommend policy direction and broad operational guidance to the Superintendent and the Lead Education Agency.

This bill would require the K–12 HSN advisory board to, ~~on or before January 1, 2017, identify strategies to address the lack of technical expertise at K–12 public schools and to engage all relevant stakeholders to identify strategies to support public schools with, at a minimum,~~

~~network designs, network implementation, and network maintenance. with funds appropriated pursuant to a certain appropriation, create a program, and offer to enter into an interagency agreement with the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to develop a sustainable training model that provides ongoing professional development to local educational agency staff on all elements of technical support, as provided.~~

~~This bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 11801 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 11801. With funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision (c) of  
4 Section 58 of Assembly Bill 104 of the 2015–16 Regular Session,  
5 the K–12 HSN advisory board shall create a program, and offer  
6 to enter into an interagency agreement with the Office of the  
7 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to develop a  
8 sustainable training model that provides ongoing professional  
9 development to local educational agency staff on all elements of  
10 technical support to implement network infrastructure within  
11 schools and provide school districts with utilization information  
12 for optimal decisions.

13 SECTION 1. ~~Section 11800 of the Education Code is amended~~  
14 ~~to read:~~

15 11800. (a) (1) ~~The K–12 High-Speed Network (K–12 HSN)~~  
16 ~~is hereby established for the purpose of enriching pupil educational~~  
17 ~~experiences and improving pupil academic performance by~~  
18 ~~providing high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity to the~~  
19 ~~public school system, as defined by Section 6 of Article IX of the~~  
20 ~~California Constitution.~~

21 (2) ~~The California Education Network is hereby established,~~  
22 ~~consisting of the California Research and Education Network~~  
23 ~~(CalREN) and the K–12 HSN.~~

24 (b) ~~The Superintendent shall measure the success of the K–12~~  
25 ~~HSN and ensure that the benefits of the K–12 HSN are maximized~~  
26 ~~to the extent possible. The K–12 HSN shall provide critical services~~

1 and functions for public primary and secondary local educational  
2 agencies, including, but not limited to, all of the following:  
3 (1) ~~Reliable and cost-effective Internet service.~~  
4 (2) ~~Reliable and secure interconnectivity among public school~~  
5 ~~entities offering kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive,~~  
6 ~~in California, connection to higher education institutions of~~  
7 ~~California, and connection to state and local agencies to facilitate~~  
8 ~~efficient interaction, including transmission of data.~~  
9 (3) ~~Videoconferencing and related distance learning capabilities.~~  
10 (4) ~~Statewide coordination of network uses to benefit teaching~~  
11 ~~and learning.~~  
12 (e) ~~The Superintendent shall use a competitive grant process to~~  
13 ~~select a local educational agency to serve as the Lead Education~~  
14 ~~Agency to administer the K-12 HSN on behalf of the~~  
15 ~~Superintendent.~~  
16 (d) ~~The Superintendent shall establish a K-12 HSN advisory~~  
17 ~~board to be composed of all of the following members:~~  
18 (1) ~~The Superintendent, or his or her designee.~~  
19 (2) ~~The county superintendent of schools of the Lead Education~~  
20 ~~Agency.~~  
21 (3) ~~A county superintendent of schools of a county with an~~  
22 ~~average daily attendance of more than 60,000 pupils, appointed~~  
23 ~~by the Superintendent. The member appointed pursuant to this~~  
24 ~~paragraph shall serve a renewable two-year term.~~  
25 (4) ~~Three school district superintendents, appointed by the~~  
26 ~~Superintendent. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph~~  
27 ~~shall represent school districts that are diverse as to geography and~~  
28 ~~size, and that serve socioeconomically and culturally diverse pupil~~  
29 ~~populations. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall~~  
30 ~~serve renewable two-year terms.~~  
31 (5) ~~Two county superintendents of schools appointed by the~~  
32 ~~majority of the votes of all of the county superintendents of schools.~~  
33 ~~Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall serve~~  
34 ~~renewable two-year terms.~~  
35 (6) ~~Three schoolsite representatives, at least two of whom shall~~  
36 ~~be classroom teachers or instructional specialists.~~  
37 (7) ~~The president of the state board or his or her designee.~~  
38 (e) ~~The K-12 HSN advisory board shall meet quarterly and~~  
39 ~~shall recommend policy direction and provide broad operational~~  
40 ~~guidance to the Superintendent and the Lead Education Agency.~~

1 The K-12 HSN advisory board, in consultation with the Lead  
2 Education Agency, shall develop recommendations for measuring  
3 the success of the network, improving network oversight and  
4 monitoring, strengthening accountability, and optimizing the use  
5 of the K-12 HSN and its ability to improve education. The K-12  
6 HSN advisory board shall report its recommendations to the  
7 Legislature, the Governor, the Department of Finance, the president  
8 of the state board or his or her designee, and the Legislative  
9 Analyst's Office by March 1, 2007. It is the intent of the  
10 Legislature that the report identify and recommend specific annual  
11 performance measures that should be established to assess the  
12 effectiveness of the network.

13 (f) The K-12 HSN advisory board shall, on or before January  
14 1, 2017, do both of the following:

15 (1) Identify strategies to address the lack of technical expertise  
16 at K-12 public schools.

17 (2) Engage all relevant stakeholders to identify strategies to  
18 support public schools with, at a minimum, network designs,  
19 network implementation, and network maintenance.

20 (g) The duties of the Lead Education Agency shall include all  
21 of the following:

22 (1) Entering into appropriate contracts for the provision of  
23 high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity, provided that  
24 the contracts secure the necessary terms and conditions to  
25 adequately protect the interests of the state. Terms and conditions  
26 shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

27 (A) Development of comprehensive service level agreements.

28 (B) Protection of any ownership rights of intellectual property  
29 of the state that result due to participation of the state in the K-12  
30 HSN.

31 (C) Appropriate protection of assets of the state acquired due  
32 to its participation in the K-12 HSN.

33 (D) Assurance that appropriate fee structures are in place.

34 (E) Assurance that the interest earned on funds of the state for  
35 this purpose are used solely to the benefit of the project.

36 (2) Development of an annual budget request for the K-12 HSN  
37 for submission to the department and the Department of Finance  
38 to be included in the annual Budget Act.

39 (3) Development, in consultation with the K-12 HSN advisory  
40 board established pursuant to subdivision (d), of specific goals and

1 objectives for the program with appropriate reporting of success  
2 measures developed by the Superintendent pursuant to subdivision  
3 (b):

4 ~~(4) Ongoing fiscal oversight of the program, including~~  
5 ~~mechanisms to control statewide costs and exposure. To~~  
6 ~~accomplish this objective, the Lead Education Agency shall~~  
7 ~~contract for an annual independent audit of the program. The~~  
8 ~~independent auditor shall report the audit findings to the~~  
9 ~~Superintendent, the Legislature, and the Governor by December~~  
10 ~~15 of each year.~~

11 ~~(5) Ongoing technical oversight of the program, including~~  
12 ~~external evaluation and independent validation, where appropriate.~~  
13 ~~To accomplish this objective, the Lead Education Agency shall~~  
14 ~~contract for an independent evaluation to be completed and~~  
15 ~~provided to the Superintendent by March 1, 2009. The~~  
16 ~~Superintendent shall report the results of the evaluation, including~~  
17 ~~a response and recommendations to correct any adverse findings~~  
18 ~~from the evaluation, to the Governor and the Legislature by April~~  
19 ~~30, 2009.~~

20 ~~(6) (A) Administer grant programs to promote the most~~  
21 ~~cost-effective manner for the completion of connectivity for all~~  
22 ~~public schools of the state and cost-effective applications that meet~~  
23 ~~instructional needs to the extent that funds are provided for these~~  
24 ~~purposes in the annual Budget Act.~~

25 ~~(B) Before the appropriation of any state funds for the purposes~~  
26 ~~of this paragraph, the Lead Education Agency shall submit~~  
27 ~~information justifying the need for additional grant funds,~~  
28 ~~including, but not limited to, all of the following:~~

29 ~~(i) The number of schools and school districts that are already~~  
30 ~~connected.~~

31 ~~(ii) The means by which the costs associated with connectivity~~  
32 ~~were covered for schools and school districts that are already~~  
33 ~~connected.~~

34 ~~(iii) Obstacles to connection for those schools and school~~  
35 ~~districts that are not yet connected.~~

36 ~~(iv) Other local options and funding sources for purposes of~~  
37 ~~connectivity and applications.~~