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House Resolution No. 1525

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has embarked on historic changes in its educational system; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 several issues emerging from these historic changes became items of concern for parents, teachers, school districts, and children in every educational setting; and

WHEREAS, educational technology has proved to be a key component of engaging students, teachers, and parents, whether it is in communicating between home and school, making better use of scarce resources, reducing administrative burdens, or providing additional or different modes of instruction suited to the student and the student's situation; and

WHEREAS, while more than 90% of teachers surveyed in the DESE 2011 census of technology used computers to communicate or manage student records, only 77% produced media, web or multimedia projects to demonstrate learning and only 86% used a computer to deliver and present instruction; and

WHEREAS, only 30% of teachers in the 2011 census of technology reported that they had advanced, as opposed to basic or intermediate level computer skills; and

WHEREAS, current teacher certification requirements mention microcomputing applications as one of many teaching method competencies in the elementary education and secondary education basic certification requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce released a report in February 2014 that outlined that state of digital learning in Missouri and recommended that state resources for blended and online learning be identified so that districts and schools could expand their offerings; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has appointed a Proficiency-Based Task Force that delivered its first report in March 2013 that recognizes the role of technology in advancing towards proficiency-based learning; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for a synergistic system to improve instructional delivery to elementary and secondary students, while improving the educational technology skills of teacher education candidates as well as teacher training program faculty:

36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
37 House of Representatives, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, hereby establish the House Interim
38 Committee on Educational Technology Improvement; and

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Interim Committee shall be composed
41 of ten members, with six majority party members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
42 and four minority party members to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Interim Committee shall:

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46 (1) Identify educational technology uses in elementary and secondary education that
47 demonstrate improved student outcomes;

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49 (2) Determine the educational environments where instruction could be improved by:

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51 (a) Targeted professional development in educational technology;

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53 (b) Infrastructure investment;

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55 (c) Cooperative programs that link existing centers of educational technology excellence
56 in postsecondary and higher education to elementary and secondary schools and to teacher
57 training programs;

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59 (3) Make recommendations about eliminating barriers, prioritizing funding, and changes
60 to policy, whether it be statute, regulation, or guidance; and

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Interim Committee is authorized to hold
63 hearings as it deems advisable and may solicit input or information necessary to fulfill its duties;
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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staff of House Research and the Oversight
67 Division of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research,
68 clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the House Interim Committee may require in the
69 performance of its duties; and

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71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Interim Committee is authorized to
72 function during the interim between the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-seventh General
73 Assembly and the First Regular Session of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly; and

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75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House Interim Committee shall report its
76 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2014.

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