

HB 1331 -- THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Byrnes

This bill creates an educational technology impact advisory council to review the best practices for the use of technology in instruction. The council will consist of no more than 25 members appointed by the Commissioner of Education including stakeholders from education and medical professionals. Specific items and information to be covered as they relate to technology and education are specified in the bill.

The council must meet four times per year, with the first meeting to be held by December 1, 2025, and must have at least three additional meetings before the committee submits a summary of the council's actions and recommendations before July 1, 2026.

The summary, along with policy proposals and recommendations must be presented in a public hearing to the State Board of Education and the House and Senate Committees on Education.

The council must meet every two years and update the provided summary to continue to provide best practice and policy suggestions for the impact and inclusion of technology in education.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2612 (2024).