

**SPONSOR: REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL**

117.ra. (GP: Recreational Activities) Two counties may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding in order to provide recreational activities and projects that benefit the citizens of both counties.

**Representatives Loftis, Allison & G.R. Smith propose the following amendment:**

Amend

**117.29.** (GP: School Technology Initiative) From the funds appropriated/authorized for the K-12 technology initiative, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Budget and Control Board's Division of State Information Technology, the State Library, and Educational Television Commission shall administer and determine the method of allocation of the K-12 technology initiative funds. A portion of these funds are intended shall be used to assist school districts in provide providing the most cost efficient and effective delivery of technology to the school districts of the state, encourage assist in the effective use of technology in K-12 public schools throughout the state, conduct cost/benefit analyses of the various technologies to include the required band width required to deliver computerized based assessment statewide, and should, to the maximum extent possible, involve employ collaborative efforts with public-private sector collaborative efforts involvement to include, to the extent possible, private entities specific to various geographic regions of the state when determining the most effective use of these funds. The School Technology Initiative shall survey the school districts of the state to determine their most pressing technology needs and shall assist districts in locating the most cost ~~effect method for meeting those needs. Funds may also be used to establish pilot projects for new technologies with selected school districts as part of the evaluation process.~~ K-12 technology initiative funds shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

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