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Overview

Directs the education commissioner to contract for a certification program to provide instruction on information technology and the skills necessary for career and college readiness. Appropriates \$340,000 for this purpose.

Section

- 1 Request for proposal; program requirements.** (a) Directs the education commissioner to contract with a provider, through participating districts, charter schools, and intermediate school districts, to provide information technology opportunities to students in grades 9 to 12. Requires the partnership to allow students and teachers to secure information technology certificates.

(b) Directs the commissioner to issue a request for proposal (RFP), award the contract, and make available instruction on information technology and skills necessary for career and college readiness. Requires the RFP to include: a research-based curriculum; online curriculum access; instructional software; certification of skills and competencies in information technology-related areas; staff development; and deployment and program support, including alignment with state academic standards.
- 2 Appropriations.** Appropriates \$340,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the education commissioner for an information technology certification partnership.