

Senate Resolution 646

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the will of the Senate to ensure the necessary conditions for expanded  
2 high-quality digital learning opportunities for the students of this state; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, academic success in the 21st century and therefore the future of our state's  
5 economy is contingent upon our students' access to high-quality K-12 educations; and

6 WHEREAS, today's students have access to the Internet, technology, and devices unavailable  
7 to previous generations; and

8 WHEREAS, excellent educational resources are becoming abundant in digital form, such as  
9 online and blended learning opportunities; and

10 WHEREAS, the primary barriers preventing our students from accessing these high-quality  
11 digital learning opportunities are outdated state statutes and policies; and

12 WHEREAS, the Senate understands the urgent need for its leadership in removing the policy  
13 barriers standing between our children and the digital learning opportunities that can ensure  
14 their success, and our state's, in this Information Age; and

15 WHEREAS, in August 2010, Governors Jeb Bush and Robert Wise launched the Digital  
16 Learning Council with leaders in education, government, philanthropy, business, technology,  
17 and think tanks to define the actions that lawmakers and policymakers must take to spark a  
18 revolution in K-12 digital learning, with their actions resulting in the creation of the ten  
19 Elements of High Digital Learning; and

20 WHEREAS, it is in the intent of this resolution that the ten elements be used as a framework  
21 from which to draft legislation specific to each state's needs and not a mandate on any one  
22 body.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body adopts the  
24 Digital Learning Council's Ten Elements of High Quality Digital Learning, and it is the will  
25 of the Senate that the elements be incorporated as necessary through future legislation as well  
26 as immediate state regulation, strategic planning, guidelines, and procedures on the part of  
27 the Department of Education, local school boards, and any other relevant public or private  
28 bodies.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Legislative Exchange  
31 Council.