

Senate Resolution 646

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

ADOPTED SENATE

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 opportunitites; and

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- 11 digital learning opportunitites are outdated state statutes and policies; and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