### 2019 Regular Session

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 467

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS/TECHNOLOGY: Provides relative to elective participation by school boards in the La. Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) and for LONI's inclusion in the statewide educational technology plan

1	AN ACT				
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3921.2(B)(5) and (E), relative to education technology; to				
3	require the state Department of Education to include Internet bandwidth assets				
4	available through the Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure in the statewide				
5	educational technology plan; to require the Board of Regents to authorize the elective				
6	participation by school boards in such infrastructure; and to provide for related				
7	matters.				
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:				
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:3921.2(B)(5) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read				
10	as follows:				
11	§3921.2. Statewide Educational Technology Plan				
12	* * *				
13	B. The plan shall do all of the following:				
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15	(5) Identify and utilize all available Internet bandwidth assets, including				
16	those provided through the Board of Regents's Louisiana Optical Network				
17	Infrastructure and those provided through a request for proposal proposals process				
18	through which both public and private entities shall be considered.				
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1	E. The Board of Regents shall collaborate and cooperate with the state
2	Department of Education to develop policies and procedures to allow public
3	elementary and secondary schools access to all available Internet <u>bandwidth</u> assets
4	provided through a request for proposal proposals process through which both public
5	and private entities shall be considered. Such policies and procedures shall also
6	authorize and provide for the elective participation of city, parish, and other local
7	public school boards in the Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure.
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### DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to the La. Optical Network Infrastructure, provides for policies relative to the elective participation of school boards and for its inclusion in the statewide educational technology plan.

<u>Present law</u> requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to develop a statewide educational technology plan for public schools. Requires the plan to identify and utilize all available Internet bandwidth assets provided through a request for proposals process and requires the Bd. of Regents to collaborate and cooperate with DOE to develop policies and procedures for schools to access such assets through such a process. <u>Proposed law</u> additionally requires the plan to identify and utilize all such assets provided through the Bd. of Regents's La. Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) and requires that policies and procedures authorize and provide for public school boards' elective participation in LONI.

(Amends R.S. 17:3921.2(B)(5) and (E))