

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; providing opportunities for school districts and charter  
1.3 schools to connect to Internet2 for advanced research and education applications;  
1.4 appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **INTERNET2 CONNECTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND**  
1.7 **CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

1.8 The education commissioner must contract with Internet2 to provide all Minnesota  
1.9 school districts and charter schools with access to the Internet2 Network in order to  
1.10 support rich multimedia exchanges and data transfers and improved performance for  
1.11 various advanced research and education applications.

1.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.13 \$30,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in  
1.14 fiscal year 2009 for the cost of contracting with Internet2 to provide school districts and  
1.15 charter schools with Internet2 connections.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2008.