



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia intends to be a leader in education innovation; and

WHEREAS: Technology has changed the way we work and live; and

WHEREAS: Students need to develop 21st century skills to make them globally competitive and technically literate to succeed in the innovation economy; and

WHEREAS: Ubiquitous technology has been successfully implemented by other states to raise the achievement level of students and improve workforce skills; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia must attract businesses to help maintain its vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS: Businesses depend upon the education system to produce candidates that are college and career ready; and

WHEREAS: Technology must be an increasing part of our education system to ensure college and career ready students; and

WHEREAS: American education has not yet embraced the power of technology to customize education and give students the ability to gain knowledge anywhere and at anytime.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a Digital Learning Task Force is hereby created to make recommendations to prepare the state to effectively improve the educational achievement and attainment of students through the creation of robust digital learning environments, which may include

the transition to digital textbooks and the effective use of wireless mobile devices.

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ORDERED: That this task force will further provide recommendations and support the state's position in research and development related to and arising out of the integration of wireless technology into K-12 classrooms, including an examination of the experiences of other states and school districts.

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ORDERED: That the task force shall include ten members, to be named by the Governor, which will include two school district superintendents, a building-level school leader, a teacher, a district level content specialist, a state level data specialist, a member of the State House of Representatives, a member of the State Senate, and two business leaders who depend on a technologically literate workforce to grow; the State School Superintendent or his designee will serve as an ex-officio member of the task force.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Governor's Office of Student Achievement will be the administrative entity for the Digital Learning Task Force.

This 27TH day of April, 2012.

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. ...".

GOVERNOR