

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1023

### By Representative Mumpower

A RESOLUTION urging state agencies to offer mandated training and educational seminars via distance technologies.

WHEREAS, transportation fuel costs represent a substantial expense for the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, fuel prices are at record highs and are likely to remain high or increase, thereby aggravating the adverse financial impact on the citizens of this State who are required to attend training and educational seminars by various state agencies; and

WHEREAS, mandatory attendance at training and educational seminars has required some attendees to travel more than 300 miles one-way, an expensive and time-consuming obligation that may not be wholly necessary; and

WHEREAS, technology in wide use today, such as streaming multimedia, computer courses, and video conferencing, would permit training and educational seminars to be conducted at a distance; and

WHEREAS, easing the unnecessary financial burden placed upon the participants of state mandated training and educational seminars should be a goal of every state agency; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that all state agencies are urged, if it is determined that cost savings will actually accrue, to offer mandated training and educational seminars via distance technologies, in order to minimize the financial burden placed upon attendees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration for dissemination to the appropriate officials within each state agency.

**ADOPTED: May 21, 2008**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED: June 4, 2008**

  
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PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR