

# Vote Record

## Senate - Committee on Education

Date: 10-9-01  
 Moved by: Jauch      Seconded by: Baumgart  
 AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: 243      Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_      Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Be recommended for:
- Passage
  - Introduction
  - Adoption
  - Rejection
  - Indefinite Postponement
  - Tabling
  - Concurrence
  - Nonconcurrence
  - Confirmation

Committee Member	Aye	No	Absent	Not Voting
Sen. Richard Grobschmidt, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Robert Jauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kevin Shibilski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jim Baumgart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Judith Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Jon Erpenbach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Carol Roessler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alberta Darling - by polling -	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Mary Lazich	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Ted Kanavas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Testimony of Audra Millen  
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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Testimony in support of SB243

October 9, 2001  
Madison, WI

Thank you Chairman Grobschmidt and Committee members.

I am honored to address this committee and to testify in support of SB243. Preparing our children for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century marketplace is imperative to our State's future.

Accomplishing this goal requires that all children have access to technology and that teachers are empowered with the necessary skills to train our students in the use of that technology. In addition, teachers who are comfortable with digital and distance technology can use those skills to enhance all aspects of their teaching and to share best practices with their colleagues.

The Milwaukee Public Schools has already demonstrated tremendous success in bridging the digital divide. We have a world-class wide area network connecting our schools and are on schedule for all schools to have access by the end of the year. We have made technology professional development a priority as part of that implementation. While part of the burden of implementing a strong technology initiative involves one-time installation costs,

we believe the most critical components are the ongoing maintenance and upgrade and most importantly the continuous training of our teachers. Unfortunately, these critical and ongoing components are often overlooked when discussing the costs of technology initiatives.

Therefore, we strongly support this bill's focus on giving districts the flexibility to provide the necessary teacher training in technology without having to decrease other important education initiatives. Passage of this critical legislation would reflect a commitment by our State to bridging the digital divide and preparing Wisconsin's children to thrive in a modern economy.