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A BILL FOR

1 An Act reinstating the school improvement technology program,
2 making an appropriation, and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 256D.4, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~For each fiscal year in the fiscal period beginning July 1,~~
4 ~~1999 and ending June 30, 2001, moneys~~ Moneys appropriated
5 pursuant to section 256D.5 ~~subsections 1 or 2,~~ shall be
6 allocated to school districts in accordance with the following
7 formula:

8 Sec. 2. Section 256D.4, subsection 2, Code 2003, is
9 amended by striking the subsection.

10 Sec. 3. Section 256D.4, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 3. For each year in which an appropriation is made ~~to the~~
13 ~~Iowa early intervention block grant program~~ pursuant to
14 section 256D.5, the department of education shall notify the
15 department of revenue and finance of the amount of the
16 allocation to be paid to each school district as provided in
17 ~~subsections~~ subsection 1 and 2. The allocation to each school
18 district shall be made in one payment on or about October 15
19 of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made, taking
20 into consideration the relative budget and cash position of
21 the state resources. Moneys received under this section shall
22 not be commingled with state aid payments made under section
23 257.16 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the
24 local school district separately from state aid payments.
25 Payments made to school districts under this section are
26 miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257. A school
27 district shall maintain a separate listing within its budget
28 for payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this
29 section. A school district shall certify to the department of
30 education that moneys received under this section were used to
31 supplement, not supplant, moneys otherwise received and used
32 by the school district.

33 Sec. 4. Section 256D.5, Code 2003, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 256D.5 APPROPRIATIONS.

1 ~~There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to~~
2 ~~the department of education, the following amounts, for the~~
3 ~~following fiscal years, for the Iowa early intervention block~~
4 ~~grant program:~~

5 1. ~~For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending~~
6 ~~June 30, 2000, the sum of ten million dollars~~ There is
7 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
8 department of education, for each fiscal year of the fiscal
9 period beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, the
10 sum of thirty million dollars for the Iowa early intervention
11 block grant program.

12 2. ~~For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending~~
13 ~~June 30, 2001, the sum of twenty million dollars~~ There is
14 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
15 department of education for each fiscal year of the fiscal
16 period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, the
17 sum of thirty million dollars for the school improvement
18 technology block grant program.

19 3. ~~For each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning~~
20 ~~July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, the sum of thirty~~
21 ~~million dollars.~~

22 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 256D.6 DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL
23 IMPROVEMENT TECHNOLOGY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

24 1. From the moneys appropriated in section 256D.5,
25 subsection 2, other than the moneys allocated in subsection 2
26 of this section, for each fiscal year in which moneys are
27 appropriated, the amount of moneys allocated to school
28 districts shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment
29 of a district bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all
30 school districts in the state for the budget year. However,
31 except as provided in subsection 6, a district shall not
32 receive less than ten thousand dollars in a fiscal year. The
33 Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state school for the
34 deaf, and the Price laboratory school at the university of
35 northern Iowa shall annually certify their basic enrollments

1 to the department of education by October 1. The department
2 of human services shall certify the average student yearly
3 enrollments of the institutions under department of human
4 services control as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1
5 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, to the department of education by
6 October 1.

7 2. From the moneys appropriated in section 256D.5,
8 subsection 2, for each fiscal year in which moneys are
9 appropriated, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
10 shall be divided among the area education agencies based upon
11 each area education agency's percentage of the total full-time
12 equivalent elementary and secondary teachers employed in the
13 school districts in this state. An area education agency may
14 contract with an appropriate accredited institution of higher
15 education in Iowa to provide staff development and training in
16 accordance with section 256D.7.

17 3. For each year in which an appropriation is made to the
18 school improvement technology block grant program, the
19 department of education shall notify the department of revenue
20 and finance of the amount to be paid to each school district
21 and area education agency based upon the distribution plan set
22 forth for the appropriation made pursuant to this section.
23 The allocation to each school district and area education
24 agency under this section shall be made in one payment on or
25 about October 15 of the fiscal year in which the appropriation
26 is made, taking into consideration the relative budget and
27 cash position of the state resources.

28 4. Payments made to school districts and area education
29 agencies under this section are miscellaneous income for
30 purposes of chapter 257. Moneys received under this section
31 shall not be commingled with state aid payments made under
32 sections 257.16 and 257.35 to a school district or area
33 education agency and shall be accounted for by the local
34 school district or area education agency separately from state
35 aid payments.

1 5. Moneys received under this section shall not be used
2 for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or
3 arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

4 6. For purposes of this section and section 256D.8,
5 "school district" means a school district, the Iowa braille
6 and sight saving school, the state school for the deaf, the
7 Price laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa,
8 and the institutions under the control of the department of
9 human services as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1
10 through 3, 5, 7, and 8. However, notwithstanding subsection
11 1, the amount of moneys allocated to the institutions under
12 the control of the department of human services as provided in
13 section 218.1, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 5, shall be a total of
14 not more than twenty thousand dollars for each fiscal year, to
15 be distributed proportionately between the four institutions
16 by the department of education.

17 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 256D.7 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
18 TECHNOLOGY PLANNING.

19 1. Each school district shall include a technology plan as
20 a component of the annual report submitted to the department
21 of education in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 21,
22 paragraphs "a" and "c". The plan shall be developed by
23 licensed professional staff of the district, including both
24 teachers and administrators. The plan shall, at a minimum,
25 focus on the attainment of student achievement goals on
26 academic and other core indicators, consider the district's
27 interconnectivity with the Iowa communications network, and
28 demonstrate how the board will utilize technology to improve
29 student achievement. The technology plan shall be kept on
30 file in the district and a copy of the plan, and any
31 subsequent amendments to the plan, shall be sent to the
32 appropriate area education agency.

33 2. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, each area
34 education agency shall develop a plan to assist school
35 districts in the development of a technology planning process

1 to meet the purposes of the school improvement technology
2 block grant program. The plan shall describe how the area
3 education agency intends to support school districts with
4 instructional technology staff development and training. The
5 department shall approve each plan prior to the disbursement
6 of funds. An area education agency needs to develop only one
7 plan and send it to the department of education while this
8 chapter is effective. An area education agency may submit a
9 plan that meets the requirements of section 256D, Code
10 Supplement 2001. An annual progress report shall be submitted
11 to the department of education.

12 3. Prior to receiving funds pursuant to section 256D.5,
13 subsection 2, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the
14 state school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school at
15 the university of northern Iowa shall each submit to the state
16 board of regents and the department of education a technology
17 plan that supports and improves student achievement,
18 demonstrates how technology will be utilized to improve
19 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.
20 The schools listed in this subsection need to develop only one
21 plan each to send to the state board of regents and the
22 department of education while this chapter is effective. An
23 annual progress report shall be submitted to the state board
24 of regents and the department of education.

25 4. Prior to receiving funds pursuant to section 256D.5,
26 subsection 2, the institutions under the control of the
27 department of human services as provided in section 218.1,
28 subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall each submit to the
29 departments of education and human services a technology plan
30 that supports and improves student achievement, demonstrates
31 the manner in which technology will be utilized to improve
32 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.
33 Each institution developing a plan under this subsection needs
34 to develop only one plan to send to the departments of
35 education and human services while this chapter is effective.

1 Each institution shall submit an annual progress report to the
2 departments of education and human services.

3 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 256D.8 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
4 TECHNOLOGY BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES.

5 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district
6 shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.5,
7 subsection 2, for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,
8 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology
9 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and
10 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff
11 development and training related to instructional technology,
12 and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds.
13 However, funds received by a school district pursuant to
14 section 256D.5, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add a
15 full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing,
16 unless the school district expends not more than ten percent
17 of the funds received to employ or enter into a contract with
18 information technology specialists to provide technical
19 consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and
20 instruction to advance student achievement.

21 2. A school district may expend up to two-thirds of the
22 funds received annually pursuant to section 256D.5, subsection
23 2, for any of the purposes described in section 256D.2,
24 including for the employment of additional licensed
25 instructional staff.

26 3. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to
27 section 256D.6, subsection 2, shall be expended for the costs
28 related to supporting school districts within the area served
29 with technology planning and equipment, including hardware and
30 software, materials and supplies related to instructional
31 technology, employment of or contracting with information
32 technology specialists to provide technical consulting and
33 integration of technology in curriculum and instruction, and
34 staff development and training related to instructional
35 technology.

1 Sec. 8. Section 256D.9, Code 2003, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 256D.9 FUTURE REPEAL.

4 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005.

5 Sec. 9. DIRECTIONS TO THE CODE EDITOR. The Code editor
6 shall provide historical information to the reader explaining
7 the enactment, repeal, and reenactment of sections 256D.6
8 through 256D.8.

9 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
10 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill reinstates language creating and funding the
13 school improvement technology program, and extends repeal of
14 the Code chapter creating the program to July 1, 2005. Though
15 the program was amended and combined with the early
16 intervention block grant in 1999, the basic program was in
17 place and funded from FY 1995-1996 through FY 2001-2002.

18 From the \$30 million the bill appropriates statutorily for
19 FY 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, area education agencies (AEAs) are
20 allocated \$150,000, to be divided among the AEAs based upon
21 each AEA's percentage of the total full-time equivalent
22 elementary and secondary teachers employed in the school
23 districts in this state. Fifty percent of the moneys are
24 distributed to school districts on a per pupil basis, with the
25 remainder distributed based on the proportion of students
26 enrolled who are eligible to receive free or reduced price
27 meals. The bill defines "school district" to include the Iowa
28 braille and sight saving school, the Iowa school for the deaf,
29 the Price laboratory school at the university of northern
30 Iowa, and the following institutions under the control of the
31 department of human services: the state training school, Iowa
32 juvenile home, Glenwood state resource center, Woodward state
33 resource center, and the mental health institutes in Cherokee
34 and Independence. However, the amount of moneys allocated to
35 the Glenwood state resource center, Woodward state resource

1 center, and the mental health institutes at Cherokee and
2 Independence is limited to a combined total of not more than
3 \$20,000 for each fiscal year, to be distributed
4 proportionately between the four institutions.

5 Under the program, each district, school, or institution
6 must submit to the department of education and, as
7 appropriate, the state board of regents or the department of
8 human services, a technology plan that supports and improves
9 student achievement, demonstrates how technology will be
10 utilized to improve student achievement, and includes an
11 evaluation component. Each AEA must develop a plan to assist
12 school districts with technology planning and instructional
13 technology staff development and training. An annual progress
14 report must also be submitted. The bill lists the allowable
15 expenditures of program moneys.

16 The bill permits a school district to expend up to two-
17 thirds of the funds it receives annually under the school
18 improvement technology program for the Iowa early intervention
19 block grant program.

20 The bill directs the Code editor to provide historical
21 information explaining the enactment, repeal, and reenactment
22 of the Code sections creating the school improvement
23 technology program.

24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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