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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing and making appropriations for an
2 instructional technology program for Iowa's school districts,
3 certain schools governed by the state board of regents, and
4 certain institutions administered by the department of human
5 services.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 295A.1 APPROPRIATIONS ==
1 2 ALLOCATIONS.

1 3 1. a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
1 4 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
1 5 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the sum of
1 6 ten million dollars for the instructional technology tools for
1 7 schools program.

1 8 b. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
1 9 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
1 10 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the sum of
1 11 twenty million dollars for the instructional technology tools
1 12 for schools program.

1 13 c. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
1 14 state to the department of education for the fiscal year
1 15 beginning July 1, 2009, and succeeding fiscal years, the sum
1 16 of thirty million dollars for the instructional technology
1 17 tools for schools program.

1 18 2. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, other
1 19 than the moneys allocated in subsection 3, for each fiscal
1 20 year in which moneys are appropriated, the amount of moneys
1 21 allocated to school districts shall be in the proportion that
1 22 the basic enrollment of a district bears to the sum of the
1 23 basic enrollments of all school districts in the state for the
1 24 budget year. However, except as provided in subsection 8, a
1 25 district shall not receive less than fifteen thousand dollars
1 26 in a fiscal year. The Iowa braille and sight saving school,
1 27 the state school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school
1 28 at the university of northern Iowa shall annually certify
1 29 their basic enrollments to the department of education by
1 30 October 1. The department of human services shall certify the
1 31 average student yearly enrollments of the institutions under
1 32 the department of human services control as provided in
1 33 section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, to the
1 34 department of education by October 1.

1 35 3. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, for each
2 1 fiscal year in which moneys are appropriated, the sum of four
2 2 hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be allocated among the
2 3 area education agencies based upon each area education
2 4 agency's percentage of the total full-time equivalent
2 5 elementary and secondary teachers employed in the school
2 6 districts in this state. An area education agency may
2 7 contract with an appropriate accredited institution of higher
2 8 education in this state to provide staff development and
2 9 training in accordance with sections 295A.2 and 295A.3.

2 10 4. For each year in which funds are appropriated for
2 11 purposes of this chapter, the department of education shall
2 12 notify the department of revenue of the amount to be paid to
2 13 each school district and area education agency based upon the
2 14 allocation plan set forth for the appropriation made pursuant
2 15 to this section. The allocation to each school district and
2 16 area education agency under this section shall be made in one
2 17 payment on or about October 15 of the fiscal year in which the

2 18 appropriation is made, taking into consideration the relative
2 19 budget and cash position of the state resources.

2 20 5. Moneys received under this section shall not be
2 21 commingled with state aid payments made under sections 257.16
2 22 and 257.35 to a school district or area education agency and
2 23 shall be accounted for by the local school district or area
2 24 education agency separately from state aid payments.

2 25 6. Payments made to school districts and area education
2 26 agencies under this section are miscellaneous income for
2 27 purposes of chapter 257 or are considered encumbered. Each
2 28 local school district and area education agency shall maintain
2 29 a separate listing within their budgets for payments received
2 30 and expenditures made pursuant to this section.

2 31 7. Moneys received under this section shall not be used
2 32 for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or
2 33 arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

2 34 8. For purposes of subsection 2, "school district" means a
2 35 school district, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the
3 1 state school for the deaf, the Price laboratory school at the
3 2 university of northern Iowa, and the institutions under the
3 3 control of the department of human services as provided in
3 4 section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8. However,
3 5 notwithstanding subsection 2, the amount of moneys allocated
3 6 to the institutions under the control of the department of
3 7 human services as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1
3 8 through 3, and 5, shall be a total of not more than forty-five
3 9 thousand dollars for each fiscal year, to be distributed
3 10 proportionately between the four institutions by the
3 11 department of education.

3 12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 295A.2 TECHNOLOGY PLAN.

3 13 1. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, the board
3 14 of directors of a school district shall adopt a technology
3 15 plan that supports instructional technology efforts and
3 16 includes an evaluation component. The plan shall be developed
3 17 by licensed professional staff of the district, including both
3 18 teachers and administrators. The plan shall, at a minimum,
3 19 focus on the attainment of student learning and achievement
3 20 goals under section 256.7, subsection 21, and section 280.12,
3 21 shall consider the district's interconnectivity with the Iowa
3 22 communications network, and shall demonstrate how, over a
3 23 four-year period, the board will utilize technology to improve
3 24 student achievement. The technology plan shall be updated
3 25 annually and kept on file in the district. A copy of the
3 26 plan, and subsequent updates to the plan, shall be sent to the
3 27 appropriate area education agency. Progress made under the
3 28 plan shall be included as part of the annual report submitted
3 29 to the department of education in compliance with section
3 30 256.7, subsection 21.

3 31 2. Each area education agency shall develop a plan to
3 32 assist school districts in the development of a technology
3 33 planning process to meet the purposes of this chapter. The
3 34 plan shall describe how the area education agency intends to
3 35 support school districts with instructional technology staff
4 1 development and training. The plan shall be updated annually.
4 2 Prior to receiving funds annually under this chapter, a copy
4 3 of the plan, or the most recently updated plan, shall be
4 4 submitted to the department of education. The department
4 5 shall approve each plan prior to the disbursement of funds.
4 6 An annual progress report shall be submitted to the department
4 7 of education.

4 8 3. The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state
4 9 school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school at the
4 10 university of northern Iowa shall each develop a technology
4 11 plan that supports and improves student achievement,
4 12 demonstrates how technology will be utilized to improve
4 13 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.
4 14 The plan shall be updated annually. Prior to receiving funds
4 15 annually under this chapter, a copy of the plan, or the most
4 16 recently updated plan, shall be submitted to the state board
4 17 of regents and the department of education. Each school
4 18 listed in this subsection shall also submit an annual progress
4 19 report to the state board of regents and the department of
4 20 education.

4 21 4. The institutions under the control of the department of
4 22 human services as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1
4 23 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall each develop a technology plan
4 24 that supports and improves student achievement, demonstrates
4 25 the manner in which technology will be utilized to improve
4 26 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.
4 27 The plan shall be updated annually. Prior to receiving funds
4 28 annually under this chapter, a copy of the plan, or the most

4 29 recently updated plan, shall be submitted to the departments
4 30 of education and human services. Each institution shall also
4 31 submit an annual progress report to the departments of
4 32 education and human services.

4 33 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 295A.3 ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES.

4 34 1. Each school district, as defined in section 295A.1,
4 35 subsection 8, shall establish priorities for the use of the
5 1 funds received pursuant to this chapter. Funds allocated
5 2 pursuant to section 295A.1, subsection 2, shall be expended
5 3 for the acquisition, lease, lease=purchase, installation, and
5 4 maintenance of instructional technology equipment, including
5 5 hardware and software, materials and supplies related to
5 6 instructional technology, and staff development and training
5 7 related to instructional technology. Funds allocated pursuant
5 8 to section 295A.1, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add
5 9 a full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase
5 10 staffing, unless the school district expends not more than ten
5 11 percent of the funds received to employ or enter into a
5 12 contract with information technology specialists to provide
5 13 technical consulting and integration of technology in
5 14 curriculum and instruction to advance student achievement.

5 15 2. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to
5 16 section 295A.1 shall be expended for the costs related to
5 17 supporting school districts within the area served with
5 18 technology planning and equipment, including hardware and
5 19 software, materials and supplies related to instructional
5 20 technology, employment of or contracting with information
5 21 technology specialists to provide technical consulting and
5 22 integration of technology in curriculum and instruction, and
5 23 staff development and training related to instructional
5 24 technology.

5 25 EXPLANATION

5 26 This bill establishes an instructional technology tools for
5 27 schools program and provides for annual appropriations for the
5 28 program.

5 29 For FY 2007=2008, the bill appropriates \$10 million for the
5 30 program from the general fund of the state to the department
5 31 of education; for FY 2008=2009, \$20 million; and for FY
5 32 2009=2010 and for each succeeding fiscal year, \$30 million.

5 33 The bill provides for the allocation of technology funds to
5 34 school districts, the Iowa braille and sight saving school,
5 35 the state school for the deaf, the Price laboratory school at
6 1 the university of northern Iowa, the mental health institutes
6 2 located in Cherokee and Independence, the Glenwood state
6 3 hospital=school and Woodward state hospital=school, the state
6 4 training school and the juvenile home, in the proportion that
6 5 the basic enrollment of each school, institution, and school
6 6 district bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of these
6 7 schools, institutions, and school districts in the state for
6 8 the budget year. However, school districts shall receive no
6 9 less than \$15,000 in a fiscal year, while the mental health
6 10 institutes and the hospital schools combined cannot receive
6 11 more than \$45,000 in a fiscal year. All eligible schools,
6 12 institutions, and school districts must certify their
6 13 enrollments to the department of education.

6 14 The bill also distributes \$450,000 of the moneys
6 15 appropriated in a given fiscal year to the area education
6 16 agencies (AEAs) to be divided among the AEAs based upon each
6 17 agency's percentage of the total full-time equivalent
6 18 elementary and secondary teachers employed in the school
6 19 districts in this state.

6 20 Prior to the receipt of funds, the eligible schools,
6 21 institutions, and school districts must provide to the
6 22 department of education, and to the department of human
6 23 services or the state board of regents, as appropriate, a
6 24 technology plan. The technology plans must be updated
6 25 annually and a progress report must be submitted annually to
6 26 the department of education, and to the department of human
6 27 services or the state board of regents, as appropriate.

6 28 Each AEA must develop a plan to assist school districts in
6 29 the development of a technology planning process. The plan
6 30 must also describe how the AEA intends to support school
6 31 districts with instructional technology staff development and
6 32 training. This plan must be updated annually and submitted to
6 33 the department of education. The department shall approve
6 34 each plan prior to the disbursement of funds. An annual
6 35 progress report must also be submitted to the department.

7 1 Funds received by an eligible school, institution, and
7 2 school district can only be used for the acquisition, lease,
7 3 lease=purchase, installation, and maintenance of instructional
7 4 technology equipment, including hardware and software,

7 5 materials and supplies related to instructional technology,
7 6 and staff development and training related to instructional
7 7 technology, and shall establish priorities for the use of the
7 8 funds. The funds shall not be expended to add a full-time
7 9 equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing, unless the
7 10 school district expends not more than 10 percent of the funds
7 11 received to employ or enter into a contract with information
7 12 technology specialists to provide technical consulting and
7 13 integration of technology in curriculum and instruction to
7 14 advance student achievement.

7 15 Funds received by an AEA can only be used for the costs
7 16 related to supporting school districts with technology
7 17 planning and equipment, including hardware and software,
7 18 materials and supplies related to instructional technology,
7 19 employment of or contracting with information technology
7 20 specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of
7 21 technology in curriculum and instruction, and staff
7 22 development and training related to instructional technology.

7 23 Moneys received shall not be used for payment of any
7 24 collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's decision
7 25 negotiated or awarded under Code chapter 20.

7 26 The bill is based on similar programs, the school
7 27 improvement technology program, repealed in 2001, and the
7 28 school improvement technology block grant program, which
7 29 ceased to receive funding in 2003.

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