

House Amendment 5051

Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [Senate File 2063](#), as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 4 clause and inserting the following:
1 5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 295.1 LEGISLATIVE
1 6 FINDINGS AND INTENT.
1 7 The general assembly finds that it is in the public
1 8 interest to develop and equitably fund instructional
1 9 technology within the public schools of this state to
1 10 ensure that school students, teachers, and
1 11 administrators are equipped and prepared to excel in
1 12 the twenty-first century. Toward that goal, it is the
1 13 intent of this chapter to establish and fund a school
1 14 improvement technology program. It is the intent of
1 15 the general assembly that funds received under a
1 16 school improvement technology program be used to
1 17 supplement, not supplant, funds schools are expending
1 18 for technology.
1 19 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 295.2 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
1 20 TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATION.
1 21 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of
1 22 the state to the department of education for each
1 23 fiscal year the sum of thirty million dollars for the
1 24 school improvement technology program.
1 25 2. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1,
1 26 the amount of moneys allocated to school districts
1 27 shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment
1 28 of a district bears to the sum of the basic enrollment
1 29 of all districts in the state for the budget year.
1 30 However, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1996,
1 31 and ending June 30, 1998, a school district shall not
1 32 receive less than fifteen thousand dollars in each
1 33 fiscal year, and the Iowa braille and sight saving
1 34 school and the state school for the deaf shall each
1 35 not receive less than sixty thousand dollars in each
1 36 fiscal year.
1 37 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, and
1 38 each succeeding year in which moneys are appropriated
1 39 in subsection 1, the Iowa braille and sight saving
1 40 school and the state school for the deaf shall not
1 41 receive less than fifteen thousand dollars in each
1 42 fiscal year. The Iowa braille and sight saving
1 43 school, the state school for the deaf, and the Price
1 44 laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa
1 45 shall annually certify their basic enrollments to the
1 46 department of education by October 1.
1 47 3. For each year in which moneys are appropriated
1 48 under subsection 1, the department of education shall
1 49 notify the department of revenue and finance of the
1 50 amount to be paid to each school district based upon
2 1 the distribution plan set forth for the appropriation
2 2 made pursuant to this section. The allocation to each
2 3 school district under this section shall be made in
2 4 one payment on or about October 15 of the fiscal year
2 5 in which the appropriation is made, taking into
2 6 consideration the relative budget and cash position of
2 7 the state resources. Prior to the receipt of funds,

2 8 school districts shall provide to the department of
2 9 education adequate assurance that they have developed
2 10 or are developing a technology plan as required by
2 11 section 295.3 and that funds received under this
2 12 section will be used in accordance with the required
2 13 technology plan. However, approval of the plan by the
2 14 department is not required.

2 15 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be
2 16 commingled with state aid payments made under section
2 17 257.16 to a school district and shall be accounted for
2 18 by the local school district separately from state aid
2 19 payments.

2 20 5. Payments made to school districts under this
2 21 section are miscellaneous income for purposes of
2 22 chapter 257. Each local school district shall
2 23 maintain a separate technology fund account within its
2 24 budget for payments received and expenditures made
2 25 pursuant to this section.

2 26 6. Moneys received under this section shall not be
2 27 used for payment of any collective bargaining
2 28 agreement or arbitrator's decision negotiated or
2 29 awarded under chapter 20.

2 30 7. For purposes of this section, "school district"
2 31 means a school district, the Iowa braille and sight
2 32 saving school, the state school for the deaf, and the
2 33 Price laboratory school at the university of northern
2 34 Iowa.

2 35 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 295.3 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
2 36 TECHNOLOGY PLANNING.

2 37 1. The board of directors of a school district
2 38 shall adopt a technology plan that supports school
2 39 improvement technology efforts and includes an
2 40 evaluation component. The plan shall focus on the
2 41 attainment of student achievement goals under sections
2 42 280.12 and 280.18 and shall demonstrate the manner in
2 43 which the board, over a four-year period, will utilize
2 44 technology to improve student achievement. The plan
2 45 shall be developed by licensed professional staff of
2 46 the district, including both teachers and
2 47 administrators. The advisory committee appointed by
2 48 the board pursuant to section 280.12, subsection 2,
2 49 shall advise the board concerning the development of
2 50 goals and the assessment process and measurements to
3 1 be used under the plan. Technology plans shall be
3 2 kept on file in the district and a copy sent to the
3 3 appropriate area education agency. Progress made
3 4 under these plans shall be included as part of the
3 5 annual report submitted to the department of education
3 6 in compliance with sections 280.12 and 280.18.

3 7 2. If the board of directors of a school district
3 8 elects to employ a technology director, the
3 9 qualifications for the position shall be determined by
3 10 the board.

3 11 3. The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the
3 12 state school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory
3 13 school at the university of northern Iowa shall
3 14 develop a technology plan that supports and improves
3 15 student achievement, demonstrates the manner in which
3 16 technology will be utilized to improve student
3 17 achievement, and includes an evaluation component.
3 18 Plans and an annual progress report shall be submitted
3 19 to the state board of regents and the department of
3 20 education.

3 21 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 295.4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
3 22 AND TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES.

3 23 Funds received by a school district pursuant to
3 24 section 295.2 shall be expended for communication

3 25 costs, the acquisition, lease, or lease-purchase,
3 26 installation, and maintenance of instructional
3 27 technology equipment, including hardware and software,
3 28 materials and supplies related to instructional
3 29 technology, and staff development and training.
3 30 Priorities for the use of the funds shall be made by
3 31 the school district."

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3 35 COMMITTEE ON [EDUCATION](#)

3 36 GRUBBS of Scott, Chairperson

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