

# Senate Study Bill 334

## Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 294B.1 CLASSROOMS FOR THE  
1 2 TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY INITIATIVE.  
1 3 It is in the public interest to develop, fund, and  
1 4 encourage a number of classrooms for the twenty-first century  
1 5 within the public school system of the state of Iowa to ensure  
1 6 that school children, teachers, and administrators are  
1 7 equipped to excel in the twenty-first century. These  
1 8 classrooms would provide state of the art information and  
1 9 communication technology to facilitate and enrich the  
1 10 educational experience of Iowa's school population. These  
1 11 classrooms would be equipped with technological equipment  
1 12 which at a minimum would include a teacher workstation, a  
1 13 telephone, a laser printer, two student workstations, a CD-ROM  
1 14 drive, a videodisk player, and large screen presentation  
1 15 equipment. The department of education, in direct  
1 16 communication with teachers of all educational disciplines,  
1 17 representatives of the area education agencies, and  
1 18 representatives of business and industry shall develop  
1 19 appropriate standards for the educational technology to be  
1 20 used in these classrooms. These technology standards shall  
1 21 ensure that technology and infrastructure procured for school  
1 22 districts comply with compatibility, uniformity, and  
1 23 interconnectivity standards.  
1 24 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 294B.2 TECHNOLOGY PLAN.  
1 25 Each school district as part of the development of a  
1 26 strategic plan pursuant to section 280.12 shall include a plan  
1 27 for implementing the use of technology within the district.  
1 28 The department of education shall design the minimum  
1 29 specifications and content for school district technology  
1 30 plans. The area education agencies shall assist the local  
1 31 school districts in the development of these strategic plans  
1 32 for the use of technology.  
1 33 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 294B.3 MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING  
1 34 LABORATORIES.  
1 35 Each area education agency shall develop, fund, and staff a  
2 1 portable multi-media unit to assist in staff development  
2 2 training for teachers and administrators in the use of  
2 3 technology in the classroom and the school district community.  
2 4 The unit shall offer the opportunity for extensive training  
2 5 directly with equipment which would be available in the  
2 6 twenty-first century classroom. If feasible, these units  
2 7 would also be made available for training parents and  
2 8 interested family members of children enrolled in the local  
2 9 school districts.  
2 10 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 294B.4 STAFF DEVELOPMENT.  
2 11 Of the moneys allocated by the department of education to  
2 12 local school districts to fund technology improvement and  
2 13 advances in the public schools of the state, at least ten  
2 14 percent shall be dedicated to the costs of staff development  
2 15 for teachers and administrators. These moneys shall be  
2 16 allocated on a continuing basis to assure that teachers and  
2 17 administrators who need to acquire the skills necessary to  
2 18 enhance the use of technology in the classroom are provided an  
2 19 ongoing opportunity for advancement and training in the use of  
2 20 the most up-to-date hardware and software.  
2 21 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 294B.5 TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE.

2 22 The department of education shall make available grants to  
2 23 those school districts which are able to demonstrate the  
2 24 following:

- 2 25 1. The completion of a strategic plan for the use of  
2 26 technology pursuant to section 294B.2.
- 2 27 2. A demonstrated commitment to the use of technology in  
2 28 the classrooms.
- 2 29 3. The designation of an individual to coordinate and  
2 30 integrate the use of technology in the classroom.
- 2 31 4. A commitment to educating and involving parents in the  
2 32 use of technology.
- 2 33 5. Equal access by all children within the district to  
2 34 technology.
- 2 35 6. The greatest opportunity for the application of  
3 1 technology within an educational system which has not attained  
3 2 a level comparable to other more technologically advantaged  
3 3 school districts.
- 3 4 7. Evidence of cooperative partnerships with local private  
3 5 and public entities such as business and industry and  
3 6 libraries and museums.

3 7 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 294B.6 ASSESSMENT.

3 8 Each school district that receives a technology assistance  
3 9 grant under this chapter shall complete an assessment  
3 10 instrument developed by the department of education. The  
3 11 instrument shall be designed to demonstrate that the school  
3 12 district has been able to quantitatively and qualitatively  
3 13 demonstrate an improvement in instruction, including  
3 14 individualized learning and collaborative learning.

3 15 Sec. 7. Section 25B.2, subsection 3, shall not apply to  
3 16 this Act.

3 17 EXPLANATION

3 18 This bill provides that Iowa establish classrooms for the  
3 19 21st century which will include state of the art technology.  
3 20 The minimum equipment is specified and the department of  
3 21 education is required to take the lead role in setting  
3 22 standards for equipment. Of funds allocated to local school  
3 23 districts for technology at least 10 percent shall be  
3 24 designated for staff development. Each area education agency  
3 25 is to provide a mobile unit for instruction in technology for  
3 26 teacher and administrators. Criteria for receiving grants are  
3 27 established including demonstration of community cooperation,  
3 28 involving parents, and designating one or more individuals  
3 29 whose work responsibility is to coordinate the use of  
3 30 technology. The department of education shall develop an  
3 31 assessment instrument to measure progress after receipt of a  
3 32 grant.

3 33 This bill makes inapplicable the statutory provision which  
3 34 would relieve a political subdivision from complying with a  
3 35 state mandate if funding for the cost of the state mandate is  
4 1 not provided or specified.

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