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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the appropriation of funds for the school
 2 improvement technology program and providing for properly
 3 related matters.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 295.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the department of education for each the fiscal year
5 ~~of-the-fiscal-period~~ beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June
6 30, ~~2001~~ 1998, the sum of thirty one hundred twenty million
7 dollars for the school improvement technology program.

8 Sec. 2. Section 295.2, subsections 2 and 3, Code 1997, are
9 amended to read as follows:

10 2. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, paragraph
11 "c", other than the moneys allocated in subsection 3, ~~for-each~~
12 ~~fiscal-year-in-which-moneys-are-appropriated~~, the amount of
13 moneys allocated to school districts shall be in the
14 proportion that the basic enrollment of a district bears to
15 the sum of the basic enrollments of all school districts in
16 the state for the budget year. However, a district shall not
17 receive less than fifteen sixty thousand dollars ~~in-a-fiscal~~
18 ~~year~~. The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state
19 school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school at the
20 university of northern Iowa shall annually certify their basic
21 enrollments to the department of education by October 1. The
22 department of human services shall certify the average student
23 yearly enrollments of the state training school, the Iowa
24 juvenile home, Woodward state hospital-school, and Glenwood
25 state hospital-school to the department of education by
26 October 1.

27 3. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, ~~for-each~~
28 ~~fiscal-year-in-which-moneys-are-appropriated~~ paragraph "c",
29 the sum of four one million eight hundred fifty thousand
30 dollars shall be divided among the area education agencies
31 based upon each area education agency's percentage of the
32 total full-time equivalent elementary and secondary teachers
33 employed in the school districts in this state. An area
34 education agency may contract with an appropriate accredited
35 institution of higher education in Iowa to provide staff

1 development and training in accordance with section 295.3.

2 Sec. 3. Section 295.3, subsections 1 and 2, Code 1997, are
3 amended to read as follows:

4 1. The board of directors of a school district shall adopt
5 a technology plan that supports school improvement technology
6 efforts and includes an evaluation component. The plan shall
7 be developed by licensed professional staff of the district,
8 including both teachers and administrators. The plan shall,
9 at a minimum, focus on the attainment of student achievement
10 goals under sections 280.12 and 280.18, shall consider the
11 district's interconnectivity with the Iowa communications
12 network, and shall demonstrate how, ~~over a four-year period,~~
13 the board will utilize technology to improve student
14 achievement. ~~Technology plans~~ The technology plan shall be
15 kept on file in the district and a copy sent to the
16 appropriate area education agency. Progress made under ~~these~~
17 ~~plans~~ the plan shall be included as part of the annual report
18 submitted to the department of education in compliance with
19 sections 280.12 and 280.18.

20 2. Each area education agency shall develop a plan to
21 assist school districts in the development of a technology
22 planning process to meet the purposes of this chapter. The
23 plan shall describe how the area education agency intends to
24 support school districts with instructional technology staff
25 development and training. ~~For the fiscal year beginning July~~
26 ~~17, 1996, and ending June 30, 1997, prior~~ Prior to the receipt
27 of funds, ~~each area education agency shall provide the~~
28 ~~department of education adequate assurance that a technology~~
29 ~~plan as required under this section has been or is being~~
30 ~~developed. For the fiscal year beginning July 17, 1997, and~~
31 ~~for each succeeding fiscal year, each~~ an area education agency
32 shall submit its plan to the department of education. The
33 department shall approve ~~each~~ the plan prior to the
34 disbursement of funds.

35 Sec. 4. Section 295.5, Code 1997, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 295.5 FUTURE REPEAL.

3 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, ~~2001~~ 1998.

4 EXPLANATION

5 This bill appropriates to the department of education in
6 one year, fiscal year 1997-1998, the \$120 million sum total of
7 school improvement technology program funds. Under the Code,
8 the \$120 million is appropriated in \$30 million annual
9 increments during the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997,
10 and ending June 30, 2001.

11 As the total appropriation is increased for fiscal year
12 1997-1998, the minimum allocation to school districts is
13 increased to \$60,000, and the allocation to area education
14 agencies is increased to \$1.8 million.

15 Under the bill, a school district must adopt, submit to the
16 department of education, and keep on file only one technology
17 plan. In addition, the bill requires an area education agency
18 to submit a plan to the department of education prior to
19 receiving school improvement technology funds.

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