

SENATE FILE 57
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a community college technology improvement
2 program and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260A.1 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
2 INTENT.

3 The general assembly finds that it is in the public
4 interest to increase the availability of instructional
5 technology within the community colleges of this state to
6 ensure that students and faculty are equipped and prepared to
7 excel in the twenty-first century. Toward that goal, it is
8 the intent of this chapter to establish and fund a community
9 college technology improvement program.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 260A.2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY
11 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

12 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
13 state to the department of education for each fiscal year of
14 the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30,
15 2002, the sum of three million dollars for the community
16 college technology improvement program.

17 2. Moneys appropriated in subsection 1 shall be allocated
18 to each community college by the department of education in
19 the proportion that the allocation to that community college
20 in 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1215, section 6, subsection 15,
21 bears to the total appropriation made in 1996 Iowa Acts,
22 section 6, subsection 15.

23 3. For each year in which an appropriation is made to the
24 community college technology improvement program, the
25 department of education shall notify the department of revenue
26 and finance of the amount to be paid to each community college
27 based upon the allocation criteria set forth for the
28 appropriation pursuant to subsection 2. The allocation to
29 each community college under this section shall be made in one
30 payment on or about October 15 of the fiscal year in which the
31 appropriation is made, taking into consideration the relative
32 budget and cash position of the state resources.

33 4. Moneys received under this section shall not be
34 commingled with general state financial aid, including
35 financial aid to merged areas in lieu of personal property tax

1 replacement payments under section 427A.13, to merged areas as
2 defined in section 260C.2, and including moneys received for
3 vocational education programs in accordance with chapters 258
4 and 260C. Payments made to a community college shall be
5 accounted for by the community college separately from state
6 aid payments. Each community college shall maintain a
7 separate listing within its budget accounting for payments
8 received and expenditures made pursuant to this section.

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

12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 260A.3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY
13 IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

14 Prior to receiving moneys under this chapter, the board of
15 directors of a community college shall adopt a technology plan
16 that supports community college technology improvement efforts
17 and includes an evaluation component, and shall provide to the
18 department of education adequate assurance that funds received
19 under this chapter will be used in accordance with the
20 technology plan. The plan shall be developed by licensed
21 professional staff of the community college, including both
22 faculty members and school administrators, and shall, at a
23 minimum, focus on the attainment of student achievement goals.
24 The plan shall consider the community college's
25 interconnectivity with the Iowa communications network, and
26 shall demonstrate how, over a five-year period, the board will
27 utilize technology to improve student achievement. The
28 technology plan shall be kept on file at the community
29 college. Progress made under the plan shall be reported
30 annually to the department of education in a manner prescribed
31 by the department of education.

32 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 260A.4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TECHNOLOGY
33 IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES.

34 A community college shall expend funds received pursuant to
35 section 260A.2 for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,

1 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology
2 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and
3 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff
4 development and training related to instructional technology,
5 and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds.
6 However, funds received by a community college pursuant to
7 section 260A.2 shall not be expended to add a full-time
8 equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing.

9 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 260A.5 FUTURE REPEAL.

10 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2002.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill establishes a community college technology
13 improvement program similar to the school improvement
14 technology program established for school districts and area
15 education agencies by the general assembly in 1996.

16 The bill appropriates \$3 million from the general fund of
17 the state to the department of education for each fiscal year
18 of the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June
19 30, 2002, for the community college technology improvement
20 program. The moneys are to be allocated to the community
21 colleges in the same proportions as state aid was allocated to
22 the community colleges in House File 2477, the education
23 appropriations Act enacted in 1996.

24 Under the bill, the allocation to each community college is
25 to be made in one payment on or about October 15 of the fiscal
26 year in which the appropriation is made, taking into
27 consideration the relative budget and cash position of the
28 state resources. Moneys received by a community college shall
29 not be commingled with other state aid. Payments made to a
30 community college must be accounted for by the community
31 college separately from state aid payments, and each community
32 college shall maintain a separate listing within its budget
33 for payments received and expenditures made under the program.

34 The bill prohibits the program moneys from being used to
35 pay any collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's

1 decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

2 Prior to receiving program moneys, the board of directors
3 of a community college must adopt a technology plan that
4 includes an evaluation component and must provide to the
5 department of education adequate assurance that program funds
6 will be used in accordance with the technology plan. The plan
7 shall be developed by licensed faculty members and school
8 administrators of the community college and shall, at a
9 minimum, focus on the attainment of student achievement goals,
10 shall consider the community college's interconnectivity with
11 the Iowa communications network, and shall demonstrate how,
12 over a five-year period, the board will utilize technology to
13 improve student achievement. The community college is
14 directed to keep the technology plan on file. Progress made
15 under the plan shall be reported annually to the department of
16 education.

17 Under the bill, program moneys may be used by a community
18 college for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,
19 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology
20 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and
21 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff
22 development and training related to instructional technology,
23 and shall not be used to add a full-time equivalent position
24 or otherwise increase staffing.

25 The bill provides for the repeal of the chapter effective
26 July 1, 2002.

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