

JAN 18 2000

EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE
BY SCHRADER

2052

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act to permit a school district or area education agency to
2 use state school improvement technology funds to employ
3 computer technical support personnel.

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

- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

HF 2052

1 Section 1. Section 256D.8, subsections 1 and 3, Code
2 Supplement 1999, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district
4 shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.5,
5 subsection 2, for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,
6 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology
7 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and
8 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff
9 development and training related to instructional technology,
10 and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds.
11 However, funds received by a school district pursuant to
12 section 256D.5, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add a
13 full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing,
14 except to employ computer technical support personnel.

15 3. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to
16 section 256D.6, subsection 2, shall be expended for the costs
17 related to supporting school districts within the area served
18 with technology planning and equipment, including hardware and
19 software, materials and supplies related to instructional
20 technology, employment of computer technical support
21 personnel, and staff development and training related to
22 instructional technology.

23 Sec. 2. Section 295.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 295.4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES.

26 1. School districts, as defined in section 295.2,
27 subsection 8, shall expend funds received pursuant to section
28 295.2 for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,
29 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology
30 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and
31 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff
32 development and training related to instructional technology,
33 and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds.
34 However, funds received by a school district pursuant to
35 section 295.2 shall not be expended to add a full-time

1 equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing, except to
2 employ computer technical support personnel.

3 2. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to
4 section 295.2 shall be expended for the costs related to
5 supporting school districts within the area served with
6 technology planning and equipment, including hardware and
7 software, materials and supplies related to instructional
8 technology, employment of computer technical support
9 personnel, and staff development and training related to
10 instructional technology.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill permits a school district or area education
13 agency to use state school improvement technology funds to
14 employ computer technical support personnel.

15 Code chapter 295, which establishes the school improvement
16 and technology program and sunsets on June 30, 2001, and Code
17 chapter 256D, which establishes the school improvement
18 technology block grant program and funds the program from
19 fiscal year 2001-2002 through 2002-2003, both use similar
20 language to set forth permissible expenditures of funds
21 received by school districts and area education agencies under
22 the programs. Currently, language in the Code prohibits
23 school districts from using technology funds to add a full-
24 time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing. The
25 current Code language does not specifically prohibit or permit
26 an area education agency from using its technology funds to
27 increase staffing.

28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35