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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation and allocating moneys to school
2 districts to pay for the costs of making technology available
3 to students attending accredited nonpublic schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 2255

1 Section 1. Section 256D.5, subsection 2, Code Supplement
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
4 state to the department of education for each fiscal year of
5 the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30,
6 2003, the sum of thirty thirty-two million five hundred
7 thousand dollars for the school improvement technology block
8 grant program.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256D.8A TECHNOLOGY FOR ACCREDITED
10 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS.

11 1. Technology adopted and purchased by a school district
12 as provided in this chapter may, and shall to the extent funds
13 are appropriated by the general assembly and allocated as
14 provided in this chapter, be made available to students of
15 accredited nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of
16 the school district upon the written request of the
17 authorities in charge of the nonpublic school on behalf of the
18 school's students as provided in this section.

19 2. From the moneys appropriated in section 295.2,
20 subsection 1, paragraph "d" and from the moneys appropriated
21 in section 256D.5, subsection 2, for each fiscal year in which
22 moneys are appropriated, the sum of two million five hundred
23 thousand dollars shall be allocated to school districts for
24 the purchase of technology for accredited public schools as
25 provided in this section, subject to the restrictions of
26 section 295.4, subsection 1, and section 256D.8, subsection 1,
27 and notwithstanding section 295.2, subsections 2 and 3, and
28 section 256D.6, subsections 1 and 2. The department of
29 education shall ascertain a maximum annual amount the school
30 district shall be required to use for the purchase of
31 technology for participating accredited nonpublic schools.
32 The amount shall be in the proportion that the basic
33 enrollment of a participating accredited nonpublic school
34 bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all participating
35 accredited nonpublic schools in the state for the budget year.

1 For each school year in which the authorities in charge of an
2 accredited nonpublic school request technology as provided in
3 this section, the participating accredited nonpublic school
4 shall certify its actual enrollment to the department of
5 education by October 1. By October 15, the department shall
6 notify the board of directors of each school district of the
7 maximum amount of its allocation that shall be made available
8 for purchasing technology for each of the participating
9 accredited nonpublic schools located within the school
10 district in accordance with this section. The technology made
11 available to accredited nonpublic schools in accordance with
12 this section shall be comparable to the technology of the
13 district of attendance. For purposes of this section only, an
14 accredited nonpublic school's enrollment count shall include
15 only students who are residents of Iowa.

16 3. The costs of providing technology to participating
17 accredited nonpublic schools as provided in this section shall
18 not be included in the computation of district cost under
19 chapter 257, but shall be shown in the budget as an expense
20 from miscellaneous income.

21 4. Prior to receiving technology under this section, the
22 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall
23 adopt a technology plan that supports school improvement
24 technology efforts and includes an evaluation component. The
25 plan shall be developed by licensed professional staff of the
26 school, including both teachers and administrators. The plan
27 shall, at a minimum, focus on the attainment of student
28 achievement goals determined in accordance with section 256.7,
29 subsection 21, and shall demonstrate how the school will
30 utilize technology to improve student achievement. Only one
31 plan shall be required while technology is received under this
32 section. The technology plan shall be kept on file in the
33 school and a copy of the plan, and any subsequent amendments
34 to the plan, shall be sent to the department of education.
35 Progress made under the plan shall be included as part of the

1 annual comprehensive school improvement plan submitted to the
2 department of education in compliance with section 256.7,
3 subsection 21.

4 5. Notwithstanding section 295.2, subsection 8, for
5 purposes of this section, "school district" does not mean the
6 Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state school for the
7 deaf, the Price laboratory school at the university of
8 northern Iowa, and the institutions under the control of the
9 department of human services as provided in section 218.1,
10 subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8.

11 6. The provisions of section 256D.8, subsection 2, shall
12 not apply.

13 Sec. 3. Section 295.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
14 1999, is amended to read as follows:

15 c. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
16 state to the department of education for each fiscal year of
17 the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30,
18 ~~2001~~ 2000, the sum of thirty million dollars for the school
19 improvement technology program.

20 Sec. 4. Section 295.2, subsection 1, Code 1999, is amended
21 by adding the following new paragraph:

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. There is appropriated from the general
23 fund of the state to the department of education for the
24 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001,
25 the sum of thirty-two million five hundred thousand dollars
26 for the school improvement technology program.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill permits accredited nonpublic schools to receive
29 school improvement technology and school improvement
30 technology block grant program moneys by increasing the
31 appropriation to the programs to \$32.5 million annually and
32 requiring that \$2.5 million annually be used to make
33 technology that is comparable to that purchased by a school
34 district, available to students of accredited nonpublic
35 schools.

1 The bill directs the department of education to ascertain a
2 maximum annual amount a school district will be required to
3 use for the purchase of technology for participating
4 accredited nonpublic schools within its boundaries. The
5 amount shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment of
6 a participating accredited nonpublic school bears to the sum
7 of the basic enrollments of all participating accredited
8 nonpublic schools in the state for the budget year. Each
9 year, the authorities in charge of a participating accredited
10 nonpublic school must certify its actual enrollment to the
11 department of education by October 1. By October 15, the
12 department notifies the board of directors of each school
13 district of the maximum amount of its allocation that must be
14 made available for purchasing technology for each of the
15 participating accredited nonpublic schools located within the
16 school district in accordance with this section. The
17 technology made available to accredited nonpublic schools in
18 accordance with this section shall be comparable to the
19 technology of the district of attendance.

20 Prior to receiving technology, the authorities in charge of
21 an accredited nonpublic school must adopt, and file with the
22 department of education, a technology plan that supports
23 school improvement technology efforts and includes an
24 evaluation component. The plan shall, at a minimum, focus on
25 the attainment of student achievement goals, determined under
26 the school's comprehensive school improvement plan, and
27 demonstrate how the school will utilize technology to improve
28 student achievement.

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