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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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1 Section 1. Section 256D.5, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
2 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-one million five hundred
7 thousand dollars for the school improvement technology block
8 grant program.

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

11 1. Technology adopted and purchased by a school district
12 as provided in this chapter may, and shall, to the extent
13 funds are appropriated by the general assembly and allocated
14 as 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 256D.5,
20 subsection 2, for each fiscal year in which moneys are
21 appropriated, the sum of one million five hundred thousand
22 dollars shall be allocated to school districts for the
23 purchase of technology for students of accredited nonpublic
24 schools as provided in this section, subject to the
25 restrictions of section 256D.8, subsection 1, and
26 notwithstanding section 256D.6, subsections 1 and 2. The
27 department of education shall ascertain a maximum annual
28 amount the school district shall be required to use for the
29 purchase of technology for students of participating
30 accredited nonpublic schools. The amount shall be in the
31 proportion that the basic enrollment of a participating
32 accredited nonpublic school bears to the sum of the basic
33 enrollments of all participating accredited nonpublic schools
34 in the state for the budget year. For each school year in
35 which the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic

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

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

34 4. The provisions of section 256D.8, subsection 2, shall
35 not apply.

1 EXPLANATION

2 This bill permits school districts to use school
3 improvement technology block grant moneys to provide
4 accredited nonpublic school students with technology
5 comparable to that purchased for public school students. The
6 bill increases the block grant appropriation to \$31.5 million
7 annually and requires that \$1.5 million of the appropriation
8 be used to make technology available to accredited nonpublic
9 school students.

10 The bill directs the department of education to ascertain a
11 maximum annual amount a school district will be required to
12 use for the purchase of technology for students of
13 participating accredited nonpublic schools within its
14 boundaries. The amount shall be in the proportion that the
15 basic enrollment of a participating accredited nonpublic
16 school bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all
17 participating accredited nonpublic schools in the state for
18 the budget year. Each year, the authorities in charge of a
19 participating accredited nonpublic school must certify its
20 actual enrollment to the department of education by October 1.
21 By October 15, the department notifies the board of directors
22 of each school district of the maximum amount of its
23 allocation that must be made available for purchasing
24 technology for students of each of the participating
25 accredited nonpublic schools located within the school
26 district. The technology made available to students of
27 accredited nonpublic schools shall be comparable to the
28 technology of the district of attendance.

29 Prior to receiving technology for students, the authorities
30 in charge of an accredited nonpublic school must adopt, and
31 file with the department of education, a technology plan that
32 supports school improvement technology efforts and includes an
33 evaluation component. The plan shall, at a minimum, focus on
34 the attainment of student achievement goals, determined under
35 the school's comprehensive school improvement plan, and

1 demonstrate how the school will utilize technology to improve
2 student achievement.

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