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APPROPRIATIONS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to the department of education for
2 purposes of making technology available to students of
3 accredited nonpublic schools.

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

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
2 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004,
4 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
5 be used for the purposes designated:

6 For purposes of making technology available to students of
7 accredited nonpublic schools as provided in this section:
8 \$ 1,500,000

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

16 2. The funds appropriated in this section shall be
17 allocated to school districts for the purchase of technology
18 for accredited nonpublic schools as provided in this section,
19 subject to the allowable uses and restrictions of subsection
20 3. The department of education shall ascertain a maximum
21 annual amount the school district shall be required to use for
22 the purchase of technology for participating accredited
23 nonpublic schools. The amount shall be in the proportion that
24 the basic enrollment of a participating accredited nonpublic
25 school bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all
26 participating accredited nonpublic schools in the state for
27 the budget year. A participating accredited nonpublic school
28 shall certify its actual enrollment to the department of
29 education by October 1, 2003. By October 15, 2003, the
30 department of education shall make payment to the board of
31 directors of a school district of the maximum amount that the
32 school district shall be required to expend for the purchase
33 of nonsectarian, nonreligious technology for each of the
34 participating accredited nonpublic schools located within the
35 school district in accordance with this section. For purposes

1 of this section only, an accredited nonpublic school's
2 enrollment count shall include only students who are residents
3 of Iowa.

4 3. A school district shall expend funds received pursuant
5 to this section 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 Funds received by a school district pursuant to this section
11 shall not be expended to add a full-time equivalent position
12 or otherwise increase staffing, unless the school district
13 expends not more than ten percent of the funds received to
14 employ or enter into a contract with information technology
15 specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of
16 technology in curriculum and instruction to advance student
17 achievement.

18 4. The costs of providing technology to participating
19 accredited nonpublic schools as provided in this section shall
20 not be included in the computation of district cost under
21 chapter 257, but shall be shown in the budget as an expense
22 from miscellaneous income. Technology expenditures made in
23 accordance with this section shall be kept on file in the
24 school district.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the rebuild Iowa
27 infrastructure fund to the department of education for the
28 purpose of making technology adopted and purchased by a school
29 district available to students of accredited nonpublic schools
30 located within the boundaries of the school district. To
31 qualify for technology under the bill, the authorities in
32 charge of the accredited nonpublic school must submit, on
33 behalf of the school's students, a written request for the
34 technology to the school district within which it is located.
35 The students enrolled in the participating nonpublic school

1 must be residents of Iowa.

2 To ascertain the amount of money a school district must use
3 to purchase technology for the participating nonpublic schools
4 located within its boundaries, the bill directs the department
5 to determine the proportion that the basic enrollment of a
6 participating nonpublic school bears to the sum of the basic
7 enrollments of all participating nonpublic schools in the
8 state for the budget year. By October 15, 2003, the
9 department is directed to pay the amount ascertained under the
10 formula to a school district for use in purchasing technology
11 for each of the participating accredited nonpublic schools
12 located within the district's boundaries. The bill lists the
13 allowable uses and restrictions on school district expenditure
14 of technology funds.

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