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EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an appropriation to the department of
2 education for purposes of allocating funds for technology that
3 advances student achievement.

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

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is appropriated
2 from the general fund of the state to the department of
3 education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and
4 ending June 30, 2007, the following amount, or so much thereof
5 as is necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

6 For purposes of providing funds to school districts,
7 students attending accredited nonpublic schools, and community
8 colleges for technology that advances student achievement:
9 \$ 14,500,000

10 1. The moneys appropriated in this section shall be used
11 for the purchase of technology that advances student
12 achievement, subject to the restrictions of subsection 4.

13 2. The moneys appropriated in this section shall be
14 allocated as follows:

15 a. The amount of \$10 million shall be distributed to
16 school districts in the proportion that the basic enrollment
17 of a school district and the participating accredited
18 nonpublic schools located within the school district for the
19 budget year bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all
20 school districts and participating accredited nonpublic
21 schools in the state for the budget year. However, a district
22 shall not receive less than \$10,000 in a fiscal year except
23 that the amount of moneys allocated to the institutions under
24 the control of the department of human services as provided in
25 section 218.1, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 5, shall be a total of
26 not more than \$20,000 to be distributed proportionately among
27 the four institutions.

28 b. The amount of \$3 million shall be distributed to
29 community colleges to support community college vocational-
30 technical technology improvement efforts. The funds shall be
31 distributed to the community colleges in a manner consistent
32 with the formula established pursuant to section 260C.18C.

33 c. The amount of \$1.5 million shall be distributed to
34 school districts for the purchase of technology for accredited
35 nonpublic schools as provided in subsection 5.

1 3. A participating accredited nonpublic school, the Iowa
2 braille and sight saving school, the state school for the
3 deaf, the Price laboratory school at the university of
4 northern Iowa, and the department of human services on behalf
5 of the institutions under the department's control as provided
6 in section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall
7 certify their basic enrollments or average student yearly
8 enrollment, as applicable, to the department of education by
9 October 1, 2006.

10 4. A school district or community college shall expend
11 funds received pursuant to this section for the acquisition,
12 lease, lease-purchase, installation, and maintenance of
13 instructional technology equipment, including hardware and
14 software, materials and supplies related to instructional
15 technology, and staff development and training related to
16 instructional technology, and shall establish priorities for
17 the use of the funds. However, funds received pursuant to
18 this section shall not be expended to add a full-time
19 equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing unless the
20 school district or community college expends not more than 10
21 percent of the funds received to employ or enter into a
22 contract with information technology specialists to provide
23 technical consulting and integration of technology in
24 curriculum and instruction to advance student achievement.

25 5. Technology adopted and purchased by a school district
26 shall, to the extent funds are allocated pursuant to
27 subsection 1, paragraph "c", be made available to students of
28 accredited nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of
29 the school district upon the written request of the
30 authorities in charge of the accredited nonpublic school on
31 behalf of the school's students as provided in this section.
32 The department of education shall ascertain a maximum amount
33 the school district shall be required to use for the purchase
34 of technology for participating accredited nonpublic schools.
35 The amount shall be in the proportion that the basic

1 enrollment of a participating accredited nonpublic school
2 bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all participating
3 accredited nonpublic schools in the state for the budget year.
4 By October 15, 2006, the department of education shall notify
5 the board of directors of each school district of the maximum
6 amount of its allocation that shall be made available for
7 purchasing nonsectarian, nonreligious technology for each of
8 the participating accredited nonpublic schools located within
9 the school district in accordance with this section. For
10 purposes of this section only, an accredited nonpublic
11 school's enrollment count shall include only students who are
12 residents of Iowa.

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

20 6. The department of education shall notify the department
21 of revenue and finance of the amount to be paid to each school
22 district and community college based upon the allocation
23 criteria set forth for the appropriation pursuant to this
24 section. Allocations to each school district and community
25 college under this section shall be made in one payment on or
26 about October 15 and one payment on or about February 15 of
27 the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, taking
28 into consideration the relative budget and cash position of
29 the state resources.

30 7. Payments made to school districts and area education
31 agencies under this section are miscellaneous income for
32 purposes of chapter 257. Moneys received under this section
33 shall not be commingled with state aid payments made under
34 sections 257.16 and 257.35 to a school district or area
35 education agency and shall be accounted for by the local

1 school district or area education agency separately from state
2 aid payments.

3 8. Moneys received by a community college under this
4 section shall not be commingled with general state financial
5 aid, including financial aid to merged areas in lieu of
6 personal property tax replacement payments, to merged areas as
7 defined in section 260C.2, and including moneys received for
8 vocational education programs in accordance with chapters 258
9 and 260C. Payments made to a community college shall be
10 accounted for by the community college separately from other
11 state aid payments. Each community college shall maintain a
12 separate listing within its budget accounting for payments
13 received and expenditures made pursuant to this section.
14 Moneys received under this section shall supplement, not
15 supplant, the moneys each community college budgets for
16 technology. A community college may also use moneys received
17 under this section for vertical infrastructure projects, as
18 defined in section 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph "c", related
19 to the acquisition or installation of technology. A community
20 college shall not be eligible for funds under this section
21 unless the community college, without including moneys
22 received under this section, maintains the same average amount
23 of expenditures for technology per year as the community
24 college maintains during the fiscal period beginning July 1,
25 2003, and ending June 30, 2006.

26 9. For purposes of this section, "school district" means a
27 school district, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the
28 state school for the deaf, the Price laboratory school at the
29 university of northern Iowa, and the institutions under the
30 control of the department of human services as provided in
31 section 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8.

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EXPLANATION

33 This bill appropriates \$14.5 million from the general fund
34 of the state to the department of education for purposes of
35 allocating funds to school districts, students attending

1 accredited nonpublic schools, and community colleges for
2 technology that advances student achievement.

3 The bill allocates \$10 million to school districts to be
4 distributed on a per pupil basis. However, the bill defines
5 "school district" to include the Iowa braille and sight saving
6 school, the state school for the deaf, the Price laboratory
7 school at the university of northern Iowa, and institutions
8 under the control of the department of human services that
9 serve children. The bill provides that a district shall not
10 receive less than \$10,000 in a fiscal year except that \$20,000
11 is to be distributed proportionately between Glenwood and
12 Woodward state resource centers, and the mental health
13 institutes at Cherokee and Independence.

14 The bill allocates \$3 million to support community college
15 vocational-technical technology improvement efforts. The
16 funds are to be distributed to the community colleges in a
17 manner consistent with a formula established in Code.

18 The amount of \$1.5 million shall be distributed to school
19 districts for the purchase of technology for accredited
20 nonpublic schools.

21 The technology funds received by a school district or
22 community college are to be used for the acquisition, lease,
23 lease-purchase, installation, and maintenance of instructional
24 technology equipment, including hardware and software,
25 materials and supplies related to instructional technology,
26 and staff development and training related to instructional
27 technology, and shall establish priorities for the use of the
28 funds. The funds shall not be expended to add a full-time
29 equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing unless the
30 school district or community college expends not more than 10
31 percent of the funds to employ or enter into a contract with
32 information technology specialists.

33 The bill requires that technology adopted and purchased by
34 a school district be made available to students of accredited
35 nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of the school

1 district. The department of education is directed to
2 ascertain a maximum amount a school district shall be required
3 to use for the purchase of technology for participating
4 accredited nonpublic schools.

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