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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act reinstating the school improvement technology program,  
2 making an appropriation, and providing an effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256D.4, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~For each fiscal year in the fiscal period beginning July 1,~~  
4 ~~1999, and ending June 30, 2001, moneys~~ Moneys appropriated  
5 pursuant to section 256D.5, ~~subsections 1 or 2,~~ shall be  
6 allocated to school districts in accordance with the following  
7 formula:

8 Sec. 2. Section 256D.4, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
9 amended by striking the subsection.

10 Sec. 3. Section 256D.4, subsection 3, Code 2005, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 3. For each year in which an appropriation is made ~~to the~~  
13 ~~Iowa early intervention block grant program~~ pursuant to  
14 section 256D.5, the department of education shall notify the  
15 department of administrative services of the amount of the  
16 allocation to be paid to each school district as provided in  
17 ~~subsections~~ subsection 1 ~~and 2~~. The allocation to each school  
18 district shall be made in one payment on or about October 15  
19 of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made, taking  
20 into consideration the relative budget and cash position of  
21 the state resources. Moneys received under this section shall  
22 not be commingled with state aid payments made under section  
23 257.16 to a school district and shall be accounted for by the  
24 local school district separately from state aid payments.  
25 Payments made to school districts under this section are  
26 miscellaneous income for purposes of chapter 257. A school  
27 district shall maintain a separate listing within its budget  
28 for payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this  
29 section. A school district shall certify to the department of  
30 education that moneys received under this section were used to  
31 supplement, not supplant, moneys otherwise received and used  
32 by the school district.

33 Sec. 4. Section 256D.5, Code 2005, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 256D.5 APPROPRIATIONS.

1 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
 2 state to the department of education, ~~the following amounts,~~  
 3 for each fiscal year of the following fiscal years, period  
 4 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007, the sum of  
 5 thirty million dollars for the Iowa early intervention block  
 6 grant program.

7 ~~1.---For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending~~  
 8 ~~June 30, 2000, the sum of ten million dollars.~~

9 2. For the There is appropriated from the general fund of  
 10 the state to the department of education, for each fiscal year  
 11 of the fiscal period beginning July 1, ~~2000~~ 2005, and ending  
 12 June 30, ~~2001~~ 2007, the sum of twenty thirty million dollars  
 13 for the school improvement technology block grant program.

14 ~~3.---For each fiscal year of the fiscal period beginning~~  
 15 ~~July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004, the sum of thirty~~  
 16 ~~million dollars.~~

17 ~~4.---For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending~~  
 18 ~~June 30, 2005, the sum of twenty-nine million two hundred~~  
 19 ~~fifty thousand dollars.~~

20 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 256D.6 DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL  
 21 IMPROVEMENT TECHNOLOGY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

22 1. From the moneys appropriated in section 256D.5,  
 23 subsection 2, other than the moneys allocated in subsection 2  
 24 of this section, for each fiscal year in which moneys are  
 25 appropriated, the amount of moneys allocated to school  
 26 districts shall be in the proportion that the basic enrollment  
 27 of a district bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all  
 28 school districts in the state for the budget year. However,  
 29 except as provided in subsection 6, a district shall not  
 30 receive less than ten thousand dollars in a fiscal year. The  
 31 Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state school for the  
 32 deaf, and the Price laboratory school at the university of  
 33 northern Iowa shall annually certify their basic enrollments  
 34 to the department of education by October 1. The department  
 35 of human services shall certify the average student yearly

1 enrollments of the institutions under department of human  
2 services control as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1  
3 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, to the department of education by  
4 October 1.

5 2. From the moneys appropriated in section 256D.5,  
6 subsection 2, for each fiscal year in which moneys are  
7 appropriated, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars  
8 shall be divided among the area education agencies based upon  
9 each area education agency's percentage of the total full-time  
10 equivalent elementary and secondary teachers employed in the  
11 school districts in this state. An area education agency may  
12 contract with an appropriate accredited institution of higher  
13 education in Iowa to provide staff development and training in  
14 accordance with section 256D.7.

15 3. For each year in which an appropriation is made to the  
16 school improvement technology block grant program, the  
17 department of education shall notify the department of  
18 administrative services of the amount to be paid to each  
19 school district and area education agency based upon the  
20 distribution plan set forth for the appropriation made  
21 pursuant to this section. The allocation to each school  
22 district and area education agency under this section shall be  
23 made in one payment on or about October 15 of the fiscal year  
24 in which the appropriation is made, taking into consideration  
25 the relative budget and cash position of the state resources.

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

34 5. Moneys received under this section shall not be used  
35 for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or

1 arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

2 6. For purposes of this section and section 256D.8,  
3 "school district" means a school district, the Iowa braille  
4 and sight saving school, the state school for the deaf, the  
5 Price laboratory school at the university of northern Iowa,  
6 and the institutions under the control of the department of  
7 human services as provided in section 218.1, subsections 1  
8 through 3, 5, 7, and 8. However, notwithstanding subsection  
9 1, the amount of moneys allocated to the institutions under  
10 the control of the department of human services as provided in  
11 section 218.1, subsections 1, 2, 3, and 5, shall be a total of  
12 not more than twenty thousand dollars for each fiscal year, to  
13 be distributed proportionately between the four institutions  
14 by the department of education.

15 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 256D.7 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
16 TECHNOLOGY PLANNING.

17 1. Each school district shall include a technology plan as  
18 a component of the annual report submitted to the department  
19 of education in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 21,  
20 paragraphs "a" and "c". The plan shall be developed by  
21 licensed professional staff of the district, including both  
22 teachers and administrators. The plan shall, at a minimum,  
23 focus on the attainment of student achievement goals on  
24 academic and other core indicators, consider the district's  
25 interconnectivity with the Iowa communications network, and  
26 demonstrate how the board will utilize technology to improve  
27 student achievement. The technology plan shall be kept on  
28 file in the district and a copy of the plan, and any  
29 subsequent amendments to the plan, shall be sent to the  
30 appropriate area education agency.

31 2. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, each area  
32 education agency shall develop a plan to assist school  
33 districts in the development of a technology planning process  
34 to meet the purposes of the school improvement technology  
35 block grant program. The plan shall describe how the area

1 education agency intends to support school districts with  
2 instructional technology staff development and training. The  
3 department shall approve each plan prior to the disbursement  
4 of funds. An area education agency needs to develop only one  
5 plan and send it to the department of education while this  
6 chapter is effective. An annual progress report shall be  
7 submitted to the department of education.

8 3. Prior to receiving funds pursuant to section 256D.5,  
9 subsection 2, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, the  
10 state school for the deaf, and the Price laboratory school at  
11 the university of northern Iowa shall each submit to the state  
12 board of regents and the department of education a technology  
13 plan that supports and improves student achievement,  
14 demonstrates how technology will be utilized to improve  
15 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.  
16 The schools listed in this subsection need to develop only one  
17 plan each to send to the state board of regents and the  
18 department of education while this chapter is effective. An  
19 annual progress report shall be submitted to the state board  
20 of regents and the department of education.

21 4. Prior to receiving funds pursuant to section 256D.5,  
22 subsection 2, the institutions under the control of the  
23 department of human services as provided in section 218.1,  
24 subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall each submit to the  
25 departments of education and human services a technology plan  
26 that supports and improves student achievement, demonstrates  
27 the manner in which technology will be utilized to improve  
28 student achievement, and includes an evaluation component.  
29 Each institution developing a plan under this subsection needs  
30 to develop only one plan to send to the departments of  
31 education and human services while this chapter is effective.  
32 Each institution shall submit an annual progress report to the  
33 departments of education and human services.

34 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 256D.8 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
35 TECHNOLOGY BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES.

1 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district  
2 shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.5,  
3 subsection 2, for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase,  
4 installation, and maintenance of instructional technology  
5 equipment, including hardware and software, materials and  
6 supplies related to instructional technology, and staff  
7 development and training related to instructional technology,  
8 and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds.  
9 However, funds received by a school district pursuant to  
10 section 256D.5, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add a  
11 full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing,  
12 unless the school district expends not more than ten percent  
13 of the funds received to employ or enter into a contract with  
14 information technology specialists to provide technical  
15 consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and  
16 instruction to advance student achievement.

17 2. A school district may expend up to two-thirds of the  
18 funds received annually pursuant to section 256D.5, subsection  
19 2, for any of the purposes described in section 256D.2,  
20 including for the employment of additional licensed  
21 instructional staff.

22 3. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to  
23 section 256D.6, subsection 2, shall be expended for the costs  
24 related to supporting school districts within the area served  
25 with technology planning and equipment, including hardware and  
26 software, materials and supplies related to instructional  
27 technology, employment of or contracting with information  
28 technology specialists to provide technical consulting and  
29 integration of technology in curriculum and instruction, and  
30 staff development and training related to instructional  
31 technology.

32 Sec. 8. Section 256D.9, Code 2005, is amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 256D.9 FUTURE REPEAL.

35 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2005 2007.

1     Sec. 9. DIRECTIONS TO THE CODE EDITOR. The Code editor  
2 shall provide historical information to the reader explaining  
3 the enactment, repeal, and reenactment of sections 256D.6  
4 through 256D.8.

5     Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act amending  
6 section 256D.9, being deemed of immediate importance, takes  
7 effect upon enactment.

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#### EXPLANATION

9     This bill reinstates language creating and funding the  
10 school improvement technology program, and extends repeal of  
11 the Code chapter creating the program, Code chapter 256D, to  
12 July 1, 2007. Though the program was amended and combined  
13 with the early intervention block grant in 1999, the basic  
14 program was in place and funded from FY 1995-1996 through FY  
15 2001-2002.

16     From the \$30 million the bill appropriates statutorily for  
17 FY 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, area education agencies (AEAs) are  
18 allocated \$150,000, to be divided among the AEAs based upon  
19 each AEA's percentage of the total full-time equivalent  
20 elementary and secondary teachers employed in the school  
21 districts in this state. Fifty percent of the moneys are  
22 distributed to school districts on a per pupil basis, with the  
23 remainder distributed based on the proportion of students  
24 enrolled who are eligible to receive free or reduced price  
25 meals. The bill defines "school district" to include the Iowa  
26 braille and sight saving school, the Iowa school for the deaf,  
27 the Price laboratory school at the university of northern  
28 Iowa, and the following institutions under the control of the  
29 department of human services: the state training school, Iowa  
30 juvenile home, Glenwood state resource center, Woodward state  
31 resource center, and the mental health institutes in Cherokee  
32 and Independence. However, the amount of moneys allocated to  
33 the Glenwood state resource center, Woodward state resource  
34 center, and the mental health institutes at Cherokee and  
35 Independence is limited to a combined total of not more than



1 \$20,000 for each fiscal year, to be distributed  
2 proportionately between the four institutions.  
3 Under the program, each district, school, or institution  
4 must submit to the department of education and, as  
5 appropriate, the state board of regents or the department of  
6 human services, a technology plan that supports and improves  
7 student achievement, demonstrates how technology will be  
8 utilized to improve student achievement, and includes an  
9 evaluation component. Each AEA must develop a plan to assist  
10 school districts with technology planning and instructional  
11 technology staff development and training. An annual progress  
12 report must also be submitted. The bill lists the allowable  
13 expenditures of program moneys.

14 The bill permits a school district to expend up to two-  
15 thirds of the funds it receives annually under the school  
16 improvement technology program for the Iowa early intervention  
17 block grant program.

18 The bill directs the Code editor to provide historical  
19 information explaining the enactment, repeal, and reenactment  
20 of the Code sections creating the school improvement  
21 technology program.

22 The provision extending the repeal of Code chapter 256D to  
23 July 1, 2007, takes effect upon enactment.

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