

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

Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 256E.8 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TECHNOLOGY BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURES.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256E.5, subsection 2, for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase, installation, and maintenance of instructional technology equipment, including hardware and software, materials and supplies related to instructional technology, and staff development and training related to instructional technology, and shall establish priorities for the use of the funds. However, funds received by a school district pursuant to section 256E.5, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add a full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing.

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

3. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to section 256E.6, subsection 2, shall be expended for the costs related to supporting school districts within the area served with technology planning and equipment, including hardware and software, materials and supplies related to instructional technology, and staff development and training related to instructional technology.

Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 256E.9 FUTURE REPEAL.

This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2003.

Approved April 13, 1999

CHAPTER 19

BOARD OF NURSING EXAMINERS — COMPOSITION

S.F. 99

AN ACT providing for a change in the composition requirement for nurses on the Iowa board of nursing examiners.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 147.14, subsection 3, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3. For nursing examiners, four registered nurses, ~~one~~ two of whom shall be actively engaged in practice, ~~three~~ two of whom shall be nurse educators from nursing education programs; of these, one in higher education, ~~one in diploma education~~, and one in area community and vocational-technical registered nurse education; one licensed practical nurse actively engaged in practice; and two members not registered nurses or licensed practical nurses and who shall represent the general public. The representatives of the general public

* See chapter 208, §51 herein

shall not be members of health care delivery systems. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum.

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CHAPTER 20

UTILITIES — COST OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS — COMPETITIVE UTILITY SERVICES

S.F. 224

AN ACT relating to proceedings before the utilities board and the provision of competitive utility services by allocating costs incurred by the utilities board and the office of consumer advocate to certain persons in certain proceedings related to providing competitive utility services, and by providing for the certification of competitive natural gas providers and aggregators, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 475A.6, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

475A.6 CERTIFICATION OF EXPENSES TO UTILITIES DIVISION.

The consumer advocate shall determine the advocate's expenses, including a reasonable allocation of general office expenses, directly attributable to ~~participation in proceedings~~ the performance of the advocate's duties involving specific ~~utilities persons subject to direct assessment~~, and shall certify the expenses to the utilities division not less than quarterly. The expenses shall then be includable in the expenses of the division subject to direct assessment under section 476.10.

The consumer advocate shall annually, within ninety days after the close of each fiscal year, determine the advocate's expenses, including a reasonable allocation of general office expenses, attributable to ~~participation in proceedings involving public utilities~~ the performance of the advocate's duties generally, and shall certify the expenses to the utilities division. The expenses shall then be includable in the expenses of the division subject to remainder assessment under section 476.10.

The consumer advocate is entitled to notice and opportunity to be heard in any utilities board proceeding on objection to an assessment for expenses certified by the consumer advocate. Expenses assessed under this section shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the consumer advocate division of the department of justice.

The office of consumer advocate may expend additional funds, including funds for outside consultants, if those additional expenditures are actual expenses which exceed the funds budgeted for ~~utilities investigations and directly result from investigations of utilities~~ the performance of the advocate's duties. Before the office expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the funds budgeted ~~for investigations~~, the director of the department of management shall approve the expenditure or encumbrance. Before approval is given, the director of the department of management shall determine that the ~~investigation~~ expenses exceed the funds budgeted by the general assembly to the office of consumer advocate and that the office does not have other funds from which ~~investigation~~ such expenses can be paid. Upon approval of the director of the department of management, the office may expend and encumber funds for excess ~~investigation~~ expenses. The amounts necessary to fund the excess ~~investigation~~ expenses shall be collected from those utilities ~~being investigated~~ or persons which caused the excess expenditures, and the collections shall be treated as repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2, subsection 8.