

CHAPTER 1075**USE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TECHNOLOGY FUNDS**

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AN ACT relating to the use of school improvement technology program and school improvement technology block grant program moneys by school districts and area education agencies to employ or contract with information technology specialists.

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

Section 1. Section 256D.8, subsections 1 and 3, Code Supplement 1999, are amended to read as follows:

1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a school district shall expend funds received pursuant to section 256D.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 256D.5, subsection 2, shall not be expended to add a full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing, unless the school district expends not more than ten percent of the funds received to employ or enter into a contract with information technology specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and instruction to advance student achievement.

3. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to section 256D.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, employment of or contracting with information technology specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and instruction. and staff development and training related to instructional technology.

Sec. 2. Section 295.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

295.4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES.

1. School districts, as defined in section 295.2, subsection 8, shall expend funds received pursuant to section 295.2 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 295.2 shall not be expended to add a full-time equivalent position or otherwise increase staffing, unless the school district expends not more than ten percent of the funds received to employ or enter into a contract with information technology specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and instruction to advance student achievement.

2. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant to section 295.2 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, employment of or contracting with information technology specialists to provide technical consulting and integration of technology in curriculum and instruction. and staff development and training related to instructional technology.

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