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1 AN ACT Relating to technology grants for school districts; amending
2 RCW 28A.600.370; adding new sections to chapter 28A.650 RCW; adding a
3 new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; creating new sections; making
4 appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in a society
7 increasingly dependent on information, technology and electronic access
8 to information are critical education components for improving student
9 learning and increasing student success in school and in the workplace.
10 The legislature also finds that with the increased need for technology
11 and electronic access to information there comes an increased need for
12 clear policies and investment in those areas. The return on investment
13 should be in the form of increased relevancy of learning, improved
14 student attainment of the state learning goals, greater student success
15 in institutions of higher education, and expanded work opportunities
16 for students.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.650
18 RCW to read as follows:

1 To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public
2 instruction shall provide technology initiative grants. The purpose of
3 the grants is to provide funds to public school districts to develop
4 and implement collaborative programs with institutions of higher
5 education to enhance student learning through technology and provide
6 students with the opportunity to learn the necessary technology skills
7 for success in higher education and in the workplace. The programs may
8 include, but not be limited to development and implementation of
9 technology education and technology-based classes, on-line mentoring of
10 K-12 students by individuals at institutions of higher education,
11 technological access to resources at higher education for K-12 teachers
12 to enrich the K-12 curriculum, and technological delivery of teacher
13 in-service.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.650
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public
17 instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, the
18 higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community
19 and technical colleges shall provide running start technology grants to
20 public school districts to use in conjunction with public institutions
21 of higher education. The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for
22 projects that use technology to provide educational services under RCW
23 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.390 to high school students at their high
24 school campuses instead of requiring the students to go to the campus
25 of an institution of higher education.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.650
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 To the extent funds are appropriated, the superintendent of public
29 instruction shall provide funds to public school districts to continue
30 to implement the Washington state technology plan for the K-12 common
31 school system developed under RCW 28A.650.015.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.650
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt timelines and
35 rules as necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the grants
36 established in sections 2 through 5 of this act.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28A.600.370 and 1994 c 205 s 8 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Any state institution of higher education may award postsecondary
4 credit for college level academic and vocational courses successfully
5 completed by a student while in high school and taken ((at)) through an
6 institution of higher education. The state institution of higher
7 education shall not charge a fee for the award of the credits.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The board of directors of each school district shall develop
11 policies governing the use of technology, including electronic access
12 to information.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If specific funding for the purposes of
14 section 2 of this act, referencing section 2 of this act by bill or
15 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 1996, in
16 the omnibus appropriations act, section 2 of this act is null and void.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If specific funding for the purposes of
18 section 3 of this act, referencing section 3 of this act by bill or
19 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 1996, in
20 the omnibus appropriations act, section 3 of this act is null and void.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If specific funding for the purposes of
22 section 4 of this act, referencing section 4 of this act by bill or
23 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 1996, in
24 the omnibus appropriations act, section 4 of this act is null and void.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
28 effect immediately.

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