

---

HOUSE BILL 2880

---

State of Washington                      54th Legislature                      1996 Regular Session

By Representatives Brumsickle and Poulsen

Read first time 01/23/96. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1            AN ACT Relating to education technology in schools; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28A.650 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The technology in schools grant program  
5 is hereby created. The purpose of the grant program is to increase  
6 student learning, consistent with the student learning goals in RCW  
7 28A.150.210, through the expanded and more productive use of technology  
8 in Washington's public school system.

9            (2) Funds from the grant program may be used by school districts  
10 for technology hardware and software acquisition, installation of  
11 networks, staff training, and other purposes consistent with the  
12 purposes of the grant program.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** (1) To be eligible for a grant, school  
14 districts shall submit a grant application and school district  
15 technology plan to the superintendent of public instruction by February  
16 1, 1997. The technology plan shall:

17            (a) Be curriculum-based;

1 (b) Align all components of the plan toward student attainment of  
2 the student learning goals in RCW 28A.150.210;

3 (c) Incorporate the technology needs identified by personnel and  
4 parents in individual schools;

5 (d) Provide for staff training on how to use the technology  
6 effectively;

7 (e) Provide on-line access to resources and communication for all  
8 students and educators, including access to the office of the  
9 superintendent of public instruction, the district's educational  
10 service district, and the center for the improvement of student  
11 learning;

12 (f) Include a long-term commitment by the school district for the  
13 operation, maintenance, and upgrading of equipment, including  
14 identifying sources of funds; and

15 (g) Be consistent with applicable provisions of the state-wide  
16 technology plan required in RCW 28A.650.015.

17 (2) The school district technology plans shall be reviewed by a  
18 task force created by the superintendent of public instruction that  
19 includes state-wide representation. The task force shall make  
20 recommendations to the superintendent regarding whether the technology  
21 plans have met the eligibility criteria in subsection (1) of this  
22 section.

23 (3) In addition to the submission of a technology plan, school  
24 districts also shall make a commitment to provide a financial match to  
25 the state grant as calculated in accordance with section 3 of this act.

26 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall make decisions  
27 on the grant applications by March 15, 1997.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The amount of funds granted to school  
29 districts with approved applications shall be determined by the  
30 superintendent of public instruction based on a formula that includes  
31 the following: The number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in  
32 the district; the number of full-time equivalent students in all of  
33 the approved districts; a ratio based on the relative per student  
34 property valuation of school districts in the state; and funds  
35 available for the grant program. The minimum grant to a school  
36 district shall be twelve thousand dollars.

37 (2) School districts shall match the state grant with other state  
38 or local funds. The match may include private cash or in-kind

1 contributions. Expenditures on technology made before the approval of  
2 the district's technology plan may not be used in calculating the local  
3 match. The match rate shall be determined by the superintendent of  
4 public instruction, and be calculated on a ratio based on the relative  
5 per student property valuation of school districts in the state.  
6 School districts with higher per student property valuations shall pay  
7 a higher match. However, the local match for individual school  
8 districts shall not be greater than eighty percent, and the average per  
9 pupil weighted match shall be approximately fifty percent.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The superintendent of public instruction may  
11 use up to ten percent of the funds appropriated for the technology in  
12 schools grant program for assisting school districts in developing  
13 technology plans, developing a state-wide network, providing technical  
14 assistance to school districts, and managing and evaluating the grant  
15 program. The superintendent may delegate any of these responsibilities  
16 to educational service districts.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The superintendent of public instruction  
18 shall adopt rules as necessary to implement sections 1 through 4 of  
19 this act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each  
21 added to chapter 28A.650 RCW.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
23 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
24 June 30, 1996, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
25 void.

--- END ---