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1 AN ACT Relating to education technology in schools; adding new
2 sections to chapter 28A.650 RCW; repealing 1993 c 336 s 704
3 (uncodified); and making an appropriation.

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

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

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) To be eligible for a grant, school
15 districts shall submit a grant application and school district
16 technology plan to the superintendent of public instruction by October
17 1, 1995. The technology plan shall:

18 (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 December 15, 1995.

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.** 1993 c 336 s 704 (uncodified) is repealed.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act are each
22 added to chapter 28A.650 RCW.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of fifty million dollars, or as much
24 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
25 June 30, 1995, from the budget stabilization account to the education
26 technology grant account for the purposes of this act.

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