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SENATE BILL 22

Short Title: Allocate School Tech. Reserve Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Winner; Albertson, Soles, Speed, Warren, Edwards, Parnell, Dannelly, Kerr, Martin of Guilford, Odom, Rand, Plyler, Gulley, Lucas, and Cooper.

Referred to: Appropriations.

January 26, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE 1993 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY RESERVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The funds appropriated for the 1994-95 fiscal year to the Office of State Budget and Management, School Technology Reserve, and the interest earned on that reserve are transferred to the State Board of Education, State School Technology Fund and shall be spent as follows:

- (1) All funds in the Reserve except for \$550,000 shall be allocated by the State Board of Education to local school administrative units. The State Board shall allocate ten percent (10%) of these funds first on a per county basis and then to local school administrative units located within the county on the basis of average daily membership: Provided, however, if a local school administrative unit is located in part within a county, it shall receive funds from that county on the basis of the average daily membership of the unit that resides in that county. The State Board shall allocate ninety percent (90%) of these funds on the basis of average daily membership.

1 Before a local school technology plan is approved by the State Board
2 of Education, a local board of education may use up to ten percent
3 (10%) of the funds allocated to it from the fund to develop its local
4 school technology plan or, to the extent that these funds are not needed
5 to develop the local school technology plan, for staff development to
6 improve the use of instructional technology. After a local school
7 technology plan is reviewed by the Department of Public Instruction
8 and the Information Resources Management Commission and approved
9 by the State Board of Education, a local board of education may use the
10 remainder of these funds for nonpersonnel expenses to implement its
11 local school technology plan, including staff development, hardware,
12 software, networks, maintenance contracts, and school facility
13 modifications necessary for the installation of equipment.

14 Two or more local school administrative units may jointly expend
15 funds to develop their individual local school technology plans, for staff
16 development, or to implement their individual local school technology
17 plans.

18 (2) The sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) from the
19 interest on the Reserve shall be used by the School Technology
20 Commission to develop and provide to each local school administrative
21 unit computer software for school technology planning assistance.

22 (3) The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the interest
23 on the Reserve shall be used by the School Technology Commission for
24 the research and development of staff training models in local school
25 administrative units throughout the State. These funds shall be made
26 available through an incentive grant process. Applications shall provide
27 for the collaborative efforts of local school administrative units,
28 institutions of higher education, and other appropriate entities.

29 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.