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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a wireless computer
2 classroom pilot project, and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 480

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.33A WIRELESS COMPUTER
2 CLASSROOM PILOT PROJECT -- APPROPRIATION.

3 1. A wireless computer classroom pilot project is
4 established to be administered by the department of education.
5 The objective of the pilot project shall be the development of
6 one or more wireless computer classrooms which reflect the
7 most recent advancements in computer and information
8 technology. The technology in the classroom shall be utilized
9 by one or more schools located within a selected school
10 district or school districts to the fullest extent possible
11 throughout the daily school curriculum. The department shall
12 solicit bids from technology providers to develop and
13 implement a plan for establishing a computer classroom, and
14 shall determine technology provider selection criteria. The
15 department shall also develop an application form and
16 selection criteria regarding participant school districts. A
17 school or schools within a school district selected for
18 participation shall commit to integrating the content and
19 delivery of its daily curriculum within the technology
20 capabilities of the computer classroom and, to the extent
21 possible, shall coordinate that integration with the
22 technology plan submitted to the department pursuant to
23 section 256D.7.

24 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
25 state to the department of education for each fiscal year of
26 the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30,
27 2004, the sum of three million dollars for the wireless
28 computer classroom pilot project. The appropriated funds may
29 be used by the department to contract with one or more
30 technology providers for the development and implementation of
31 a plan establishing the computer classroom, and to distribute
32 to selected school districts to lease, lease-purchase, or
33 purchase the necessary equipment to establish one or more
34 wireless computer classrooms, and for staffing and training
35 needs associated with the pilot project.

1 3. The department shall submit a status report by January
2 15 annually for each of the three years of the pilot project
3 to the chairpersons and ranking members of the standing
4 committees on education in the senate and in the house of
5 representatives, and the joint education appropriations
6 subcommittee, and shall submit a final report by January 15,
7 2005, containing a recommendation to the members of the
8 general assembly regarding the merits of the pilot project and
9 possible project expansion.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides for the establishment of a wireless
12 computer classroom pilot project to be administered by the
13 department of education. The bill provides that the objective
14 of the pilot project shall be the development of one or more
15 wireless computer classrooms which reflect the most recent
16 advancements in computer and information technology, to be
17 utilized by one or more schools located within a selected
18 school district or school districts throughout the daily
19 school curriculum. The bill provides that the department
20 shall solicit bids from technology providers to develop and
21 implement a plan for establishing a computer classroom, and
22 shall develop an application form and selection criteria for
23 participant school districts. The bill provides that a school
24 or schools within a school district selected for participation
25 shall commit to integrating the content and delivery of its
26 daily curriculum within the technology capabilities of the
27 computer classroom and, to the extent possible, coordinate
28 that integration with the technology plan submitted pursuant
29 to Code section 256D.7.

30 The bill provides for an appropriation from the general
31 fund of the state to the department of education for the three
32 fiscal years beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004,
33 of \$3 million for the pilot project. The bill provides that
34 the appropriated funds may be used by the department to
35 contract with one or more technology providers for the

1 development and implementation of a plan establishing the
2 computer classroom, and to distribute to selected school
3 districts to lease, lease-purchase, or purchase the necessary
4 equipment to establish one or more wireless computer
5 classrooms, and for staffing and training needs associated
6 with the pilot project.

7 The bill provides that the department shall submit an
8 annual report by January 15 regarding the status of the pilot
9 project, and also a final report by January 15, 2005,
10 containing a recommendation regarding the merits of the pilot
11 project and possible project expansion.

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