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Short Title: Allocate School Tech. Reserve Funds.

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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 are transferred to the State Board of Education, State School Technology Fund and shall be spent as follows:

(1) The sum of forty-one million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$41,450,000) shall be allocated by the State Board of Education to the credit of local school administrative units as follows:

a. Ten percent (10%) of these funds shall be allocated in accordance with the low-wealth county supplemental school funding formula set out in Section 138 of Chapter 321 of the 1993 Session Laws, as rewritten by Section 19.32 of Chapter 769 of the 1993 Session Laws; and

b. Ninety percent (90%) of these funds shall be allocated on the basis of average daily membership: Provided, however, the State Board shall use part of these funds, as necessary, to ensure that the total allocation to a local school administrative unit that

1 qualifies for low-wealth county supplemental school funding is at
2 least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

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

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

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

24 (3) The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be used by
25 the School Technology Commission for the research and development
26 of staff training models in local school administrative units throughout
27 the State. The research and development of the models shall be
28 performed by collaborative efforts of local school administrative units
29 with institutions of higher education or other appropriate entities.

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