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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6331

BILL NUMBER: HB 1092

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: David Ford Educational Technology Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Porter

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill renames the Educational Technology Fund as the Senator David C. Ford Educational Technology Fund.

The bill provides a continuing appropriation to the Fund and to the Department of Education from the Fund in an amount sufficient to carry out the purposes of the Fund.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Interim Study Committee on Education Matters.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill annually appropriates from the state General Fund to the Senator David C. Ford Educational Technology Fund an amount sufficient to operate the program. The fund had a \$2.2 M balance as of June 30, 2008, and a General Fund appropriation of about \$2.1M for FY 2009 that has not been transferred to the fund. It is unknown what amount would be sufficient to carry out the purposes of the program. Fund expenditures for FY 2008 were about \$1.5 M and about \$1.6M for FY 2007.

Background: The Educational Technology Program is used to provide and extend educational technologies to elementary and secondary schools for:

1. the 4R's Technology Grant program to assist school corporations in purchasing technology equipment:
 - a. for kindergarten and Grade 1 students, to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic using technology;

- b. for students in all grades, to understand that technology is a tool for learning; and
 - c. for students in kindergarten through Grade 3 who have been identified as needing remediation, to offer daily remediation opportunities using technology to prevent those students from failing to make appropriate progress at the particular grade level;
- 2. providing educational technologies, including computers in the homes of students;
 - 3. conducting educational technology training for teachers; and
 - 4. other innovative educational technology programs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources:

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