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Chapter 13. Educational Technology Program and Grants

IC 20-20-13-0.5

"Fund"

Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the Senator David C. Ford educational technology fund established under section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.31-2009, SEC.1.

IC 20-20-13-1

"Grant"

Sec. 1. As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, "grant" refers to a technology plan grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-2

"Group"

Sec. 2. As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, "group" includes the school corporations that are placed in a group of school corporations under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-3

"School corporation"

Sec. 3. As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, "school corporation" includes, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired established by IC 20-21-2-1, the Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1, and a charter school established under IC 20-24.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.45; P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.304.

IC 20-20-13-4

"Technology equipment"

Sec. 4. As used in sections 6 through 12 of this chapter, "technology equipment" means computer hardware, computer software, related teacher training services, related instructional manuals and materials, and equipment servicing.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-5

"Technology plan"

Sec. 5. As used in sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, "technology plan" refers to a technology plan developed under section 7 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-6

David C. Ford educational technology program and fund

Sec. 6. (a) The Senator David C. Ford educational technology fund is established to extend educational technologies to elementary and secondary schools. The fund may be used for:

(1) the 4R's technology grant program to assist school corporations (on behalf of public schools) 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) a school technology program developed by the department. The program may include grants to school corporations for the purchase of:

(A) equipment, hardware, and software;

(B) learning and teaching systems; and

(C) other materials;

that promote student learning, as determined by the department.

(3) providing educational technologies, including computers in the homes of students;

(4) conducting educational technology training for teachers; and

(5) other innovative educational technology programs.

(b) The department may also use money in the fund under contracts entered into with the office of technology established by IC 4-13.1-2-1 to study the feasibility of establishing an information telecommunications gateway that provides access to information on employment opportunities, career development, and instructional services from data bases operated by the state among the following:

(1) Elementary and secondary schools.

(2) Postsecondary educational institutions.

(3) Career and technical educational centers and institutions that are not postsecondary educational institutions.

(4) Libraries.

(5) Any other agencies offering education and training programs.

(c) The fund consists of:

(1) state appropriations;

(2) private donations to the fund; or

(3) any combination of the amounts described in subdivisions (1) through (2).

(d) The fund shall be administered by the department.

(e) Unexpended money appropriated to or otherwise available in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to the department for use under this chapter.

(f) Subject to section 7 of this chapter, a school corporation may use money from the school corporation's capital projects fund as permitted under IC 20-40-8 for educational technology equipment.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.177-2005, SEC.40; P.L.2-2006, SEC.81; P.L.2-2007, SEC.205; P.L.234-2007, SEC.92; P.L.3-2008, SEC.116; P.L.31-2009, SEC.2; P.L.182-2009(ss), SEC.305; P.L.133-2012, SEC.185.

IC 20-20-13-7
Technology plan

Sec. 7. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a school corporation is not entitled to:

(1) receive any money under this chapter;
(2) use money from the school corporation's capital projects fund for educational technology equipment under IC 20-40-8; or
(3) receive an advance from the common school fund for an educational technology program under IC 20-49-4;

unless the school corporation develops a three (3) year technology plan.

(b) Each technology plan must include at least the following information:

(1) A description of the school corporation's intent to integrate technology into the school corporation's curriculum.
(2) A plan for providing inservice training.
(3) A schedule for maintaining and replacing educational technology equipment.
(4) A description of the criteria used to select the appropriate educational technology equipment for the appropriate use.
(5) Other information requested by the department after consulting with the budget agency.

(c) The department shall develop guidelines concerning the development of technology plans. The guidelines developed under this subsection are subject to the approval of the governor.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.2-2006, SEC.82; P.L.133-2012, SEC.186.

IC 20-20-13-8
Use of funds

Sec. 8. Upon the approval of the governor and the budget agency, the department may use funds available under this chapter to provide or extend education technology to any school corporation for purposes described in this chapter.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.133-2012, SEC.187.

IC 20-20-13-9
4R's technology grant program; surplus remediation funds; eligibility; award of grants; monitoring compliance

Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to the 4R's technology program

described in section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.

(b) In addition to any other funds available under this chapter, if state funds are transferred under IC 20-32-5-19 to the 4R's technology program:

(1) those funds do not revert to the state general fund;

(2) those funds shall be made available to the 4R's technology program under this chapter; and

(3) the department, upon approval by the governor and the budget agency, shall use those funds to award grants under this section.

(c) To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, a school corporation must comply with the following:

(1) The school corporation must apply to the department for a grant on behalf of a school within the school corporation to purchase technology equipment.

(2) The school corporation must certify the following:

(A) That the school will provide every kindergarten and grade 1 student at that school the opportunity to learn reading, writing, and arithmetic using technology.

(B) That the school will provide daily before or after school technology laboratories for students in grades 1 through 3 who have been identified as needing remediation in reading, writing, or arithmetic.

(C) That the school will provide additional technology opportunities, that may include Saturday sessions, for students in other grade levels to use the technology laboratories for remediation in reading, writing, arithmetic, or mathematics.

(D) That the school will provide technology opportunities to students that attend remediation programs under IC 20-32-8 (if the school corporation is required to do so) or any other additional summer programs.

(E) That the school corporation, either through its own or the school's initiative, is able to provide a part of the costs attributable to purchasing the necessary technology equipment.

(3) The school corporation must include in the application the sources of and the amount of money secured under subdivision (2)(E).

(4) The school corporation or the school must:

(A) provide teacher training services; or

(B) use vendor provided teacher training services.

(5) The school corporation must give primary consideration to the purchase of technology equipment that includes teacher training services.

(6) The teachers who will be using the technology equipment must support the initiative described in this chapter.

(d) Upon review of the applications by the department, the satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subsection (c), and subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, the department

shall award to each eligible school corporation a grant to purchase technology equipment under section 6(a)(1) of this chapter.

(e) The department shall monitor the compliance by the school corporations receiving grants of the matters cited in subsection (c).
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.133-2012, SEC.188.

IC 20-20-13-10
Guidelines

Sec. 10. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to implement sections 6 through 9 of this chapter, including guidelines that require the school corporation to use the laboratories to the fullest extent possible.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-11
Application for funds

Sec. 11. To be eligible to receive money under sections 6 through 9 of this chapter, a school corporation must apply to the department on forms provided by the department.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-12
Deposit of grants

Sec. 12. A school corporation that receives a grant under sections 6 through 9 of this chapter must deposit the grant in the school technology fund.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.2-2006, SEC.83.

IC 20-20-13-13
Establishment

Sec. 13. There is established a technology plan grant program.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-14
Funding and administration

Sec. 14. The department shall fund and administer the technology plan grant program.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-15
Qualifications for technology plan grant

Sec. 15. A school corporation qualifies for a technology plan grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter when the technology plan of the school corporation developed under section 7 of this chapter is approved by the department. For purposes of determining whether a school corporation qualifies for a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, the department shall:

(1) review;
(2) suggest changes;

(3) approve; or
(4) reject;
a school corporation's technology plan.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.133-2012, SEC.189.

IC 20-20-13-16
Delays in grant distribution

Sec. 16. (a) This section applies when a school corporation does not qualify for a grant because the school corporation's technology plan has not been approved under section 15 of this chapter.

(b) The department shall delay grant distribution after the scheduled time for grant distribution until the school corporation's technology plan is approved. The delay is without loss or penalty to the school corporation. If the school corporation's technology plan is not approved by the end of the grant distribution period, the school corporation may not receive a grant distribution.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-17
Total grant amount

Sec. 17. The total technology plan grant amount to a qualifying school corporation is the amount determined by the department multiplied by the school corporation's current ADM, as determined:

(1) for a calendar year ending before January 1, 2014, in the fall count of students in the school year ending in the current calendar year; and
(2) for a calendar year ending after December 31, 2013, in the spring count of students in the school year ending in the current calendar year.

The amount is one hundred dollars ($100). However, for the purposes of determining the current ADM of a school corporation, students who are transferred under IC 20-33-4 or IC 20-26-11 shall be counted as students having legal settlement in the transferee corporation and not having legal settlement in the transferor corporation.
As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.133-2012, SEC.190; P.L.205-2013, SEC.225.

IC 20-20-13-18
Use of grant

Sec. 18. A school corporation must use a grant received under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter to implement all or part of the school corporation's technology plan by funding uses that promote 1:1 computing infrastructure, include the following:

(1) Computers in classrooms.
(2) Computers for teachers.
(3) E-learning.
(4) Wiring infrastructure to support 1:1 computing.
(5) Technical support.

(6) Wide area networks and local area networks necessary to support 1:1 computing.
(7) Infrastructure software.
(8) Assistive technology devices for students with disabilities in 1:1 computing environment.
(9) Other uses of technology approved by the department of education.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.127.

IC 20-20-13-19
List of school corporations by assessed valuation; determination of group to receive grant

Sec. 19. (a) The department shall list all school corporations in Indiana according to assessed valuation for property tax purposes per student in current ADM, as determined in section 17 of this chapter, beginning with the school corporation having the lowest assessed valuation for property tax purposes per student in current ADM. For purposes of the list made under this section, the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired established by IC 20-21-2-1 and the Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1 shall be considered to have the lowest assessed valuation for property tax purposes per student in current ADM during the six (6) year period beginning July 1, 2001.

(b) The department must prepare a revised list under subsection (a) before a new series of grants may begin.

(c) The department shall determine those school corporations to be placed in a group to receive a grant in a fiscal year under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter as follows:

(1) Beginning with the school corporation that is first on the list developed under subsection (a), the department shall continue sequentially through the list and place school corporations that qualify for a grant under section 15 of this chapter in a group until the cumulative total current ADM of all school corporations in the group depletes the money that is available for grants in the fiscal year.
(2) Each fiscal year the department shall develop a new group by continuing sequentially through the list beginning with the first qualifying school corporation on the list that was not placed in a group in the prior fiscal year.
(3) If the final group developed from the list contains substantially fewer students in current ADM than available money, the department shall:
(A) prepare a revised list of school corporations under subsection (a); and
(B) place in the group qualifying school corporations from the top of the revised list.
(4) The department shall label the groups with sequential numbers beginning with "group one".

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.46;

P.L.205-2013, SEC.226.

IC 20-20-13-20
Distribution of grant

Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), in a state fiscal year, the department shall distribute grants to only two (2) groups of school corporations with each of the two (2) groups receiving fifty percent (50%) of the group's total grant amount.

(b) In state fiscal year 1996-1997:

(1) the department shall begin grant distribution under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter; and

(2) the school corporations in group one shall receive one hundred percent (100%) of the group's total grant.

(c) Beginning in state fiscal year 1997-1998, the department shall:

(1) distribute grants so that school corporations in group two receive:

(A) fifty percent (50%) of group two's total grant in the first year of distribution; and

(B) fifty percent (50%) of group two's total grant in the second year of distribution; and

(2) continue in group number sequence so that school corporations in each group receive:

(A) fifty percent (50%) of the group's total grant in the first year of distribution to the group; and

(B) fifty percent (50%) of the group's total grant in the second year of distribution to the group.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-21
Reports on use of grant money

Sec. 21. A school corporation shall report to the department on the use of grant money received under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter. A school corporation that fails to make a report under this section is not eligible for a subsequent grant.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-22
Expenditures for technology in capital projects fund budget; forfeiture of grant

Sec. 22. (a) This section applies in a year when a school corporation receives a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter. The school corporation's capital projects fund budget must include an expenditure for technology that is not less than the school corporation's average annual expenditure for technology from the capital projects fund in the six (6) budget years preceding the year of the grant. If the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired established by IC 20-21-2-1 or the Indiana School for the Deaf established by IC 20-22-2-1 receives a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, the school's expenditures for technology in the year of the grant must exceed the school's average annual

expenditure for technology in the six (6) budget years preceding the year of the grant.

(b) For each year that a school corporation fails to observe subsection (a), the school corporation forfeits a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter. The forfeit of the grant must occur in the first grant year after the school corporation fails to observe subsection (a).

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.47.

IC 20-20-13-23
Guidelines

Sec. 23. The department shall develop guidelines to implement sections 13 through 24 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-13-24
Deposit of grant

Sec. 24. A school corporation that receives a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter shall deposit the grant in the school technology fund. If the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Indiana School for the Deaf receives a grant under sections 13 through 24 of this chapter, the school shall deposit the grant in an account or fund that the school uses exclusively for the funding of technology.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.218-2005, SEC.48; P.L.2-2006, SEC.84.