

1 AN ACT concerning school technology.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-3.117 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.117)

7 Sec. 2-3.117. School Technology Program.

8 (a) The State Board of Education is authorized to  
9 provide technology-based learning resources, including  
10 matching grants, to school districts to improve educational  
11 opportunities and student achievement throughout the State.  
12 School districts may use grants for technology-related  
13 investments, including computer hardware, software, optical  
14 media networks, and related wiring, to educate staff to use  
15 that equipment in a learning context, and for other items  
16 defined under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

17 (b) The State Board of Education is authorized, to the  
18 extent funds are available, to establish a statewide support  
19 system for information, professional development, technical  
20 assistance, network design consultation, leadership,  
21 technology planning consultation, and information exchange;  
22 to expand school district connectivity; and to increase the  
23 quantity and quality of student and educator access to  
24 on-line resources, experts, and communications avenues from  
25 moneys appropriated for the purposes of this Section.

26 (b-5) The State Board of Education may enter into  
27 intergovernmental contracts or agreements with other State  
28 agencies, public community colleges, public libraries, public  
29 and private colleges and universities, museums on public  
30 land, and other public agencies in the areas of technology,  
31 telecommunications, and information access, under such terms

1 as the parties may agree, ~~if provided--that~~ those contracts  
2 and agreements are in compliance with the Department of  
3 Central Management Services' mandate to provide  
4 telecommunications services to all State agencies.

5 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt all rules  
6 necessary for the administration of the School Technology  
7 Program, including but not limited to rules defining the  
8 technology-related investments that qualify for funding, the  
9 content of grant applications and reports, and the  
10 requirements for the local match.

11 (d) The State Board of Education may establish by rule  
12 provisions to waive the local matching requirement for school  
13 districts determined unable to finance the local match.

14 (Source: P.A. 89-21, eff. 7-1-95; 90-388, eff. 8-15-97;  
15 90-566, eff. 1-2-98.)