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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for an annual report on the
6 Education Technology Program.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 117. Annual Report on Education Technology
13 Program.--(a) The Department of Education shall annually review
14 the operation of and compile an annual report on the Education
15 Technology Program created pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)
16 (relating to network modernization plans).

17 (b) The annual report shall include the following
18 information for the fiscal year in which the report is issued:

19 (1) A listing of each school entity that received grant

funds, the amount of grant funds received and an identification of whether such grant funds were used to establish, maintain or expand any program authorized under 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)(2).

(2) For each school entity that received grant funds during the fiscal year in which the report was issued, the sum of grant funds received in all prior fiscal years.

(3) For each school entity that received grant funds, an identification of whether the school entity was given priority in grant funding as authorized under 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)(4).

(4) The criteria used to determine the eligibility of a school entity to receive grant funds.

(5) The criteria used to determine the amount of grant funds a school entity received.

(6) The criteria used to ensure that the school entities that receive grant funds are geographically dispersed throughout this Commonwealth as required under 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)(4).

(7) The amount of matching funds provided by each school entity that received grant funds.

(8) The process a school entity utilized to apply for grant funds, including sample copies of any and all application forms, instructions and deadlines.

(9) For each school entity that received grant funds, the program or programs authorized under 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)(2) on which such grant funds were expended.

(10) For each school entity that received grant funds, the number of students impacted by the program or programs authorized under 66 Pa.C.S. § 3014(j)(2) on which such grant funds were expended.

(11) For each program on which grant funds were expended, an identification of any waiver or reduction of any financial bond

requirements imposed on a bidder for the provision of the program in the school entity's request for proposal and the justification for the waiver or reduction.

(12) A listing of each school entity that received grant funds as part of a regional network that serves multiple school entities, listed by the regional network of which the school entity is a member, and the amount of grant funds each school entity received as part of a regional network, listed by the regional network of which the school entity is a member.

(13) A listing of each school entity that withdrew from a regional network that serves multiple school entities, listed by the regional network of which the school entity had been a member and the amount of the grant funds returned to the Commonwealth as a result of the school entity's withdrawal from the regional network.

(c) No later than June 30, 2007, and February 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Education shall submit the report required under this section to the chairmen and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee, the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the Education Committee of the Senate and to the chairmen and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee and the Education Committee of the House of Representatives. The annual report shall be included on the Department of Education's Internet website.

(d) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "school entity" has the same meaning as it is given in 66 Pa.C.S. § 3012 (relating to definitions).

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.