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YUDICHAK, FABRIZIO AND DENLINGER, JUNE 23, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 23, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for the education registration plate;
3 establishing the Technology in Education Fund; and providing
4 for the distribution of annual use fees received from the
5 registration of the education registration plate.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 1362. Education registration plate.

11 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the
12 Department of Education, shall design and issue an education
13 registration plate.

14 (b) Issuance.--The department shall issue the registration
15 plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a
16 registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

17 (c) Fees.--An annual fee of \$35, which shall be in addition
18 to the annual registration fee, shall be collected by the

1 department for each plate issued under this section.

2 (d) Use of fee.--The fee paid under subsection (c) shall be
3 distributed as follows:

4 (1) Twenty-five dollars shall be deposited into the
5 Technology in Education Fund.

6 (2) Ten dollars shall be allocated to the public school
7 entity designated by the person purchasing the plate.

8 Section 2. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
9 subsection to read:

10 § 1905. Payments to special funds.

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12 (d) Technology in Education Fund.--

13 (1) There is established a special account in the State
14 Treasury which shall be known as the Technology in Education
15 Fund. The purpose of the Technology in Education Fund is to
16 pay for computer technology in the public schools.

17 (2) All moneys received under section 1362(d)(1)
18 (relating to education registration plate), all undesignated
19 funds under section 1362(d)(2) and all interest received on
20 the moneys in the Technology in Education Fund shall be
21 credited to the Technology in Education Fund.

22 (3) Subject to approval under paragraphs (5) and (6),
23 all funds in the Technology in Education Fund are hereby
24 annually appropriated to the Department of Education and
25 shall be used for the purposes authorized under this
26 subsection in accordance to the parameters set forth in
27 paragraph (4).

28 (4) Funds shall be allocated to public school districts
29 through a competitive grant review process established by the
30 Department of Education as follows:

1 (i) No less than 50% of the funds in the Technology
2 in Education Fund shall be allocated to school districts
3 with 2004-2005 market value/income aid ratio equal to or
4 greater than 0.4500.

5 (ii) A district receiving funds from the Technology
6 in Education Fund in any given fiscal year shall be
7 ineligible to receive further grants from the Technology
8 in Education Fund for two subsequent fiscal years.

9 (iii) The Department of Education may establish
10 matching requirements for districts receiving moneys from
11 the Technology in Education Fund.

12 (iv) The application for a grant shall be made at
13 such time and in such form as the Secretary of Education
14 may require.

15 (5) Estimates of amounts to be expended under this
16 subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by the
17 Department of Education for his approval.

18 (6) The State Treasurer shall not honor any requisition
19 for expenditures by the Department of Education in excess of
20 estimates approved by the Governor under paragraph (5) or in
21 excess of the amount available for the purposes for which the
22 requisition was made, whichever is the lesser amount.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.