THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, RHOADES, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, FONTANA, ARMSTRONG, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, EARLL, M. WHITE, FOLMER AND WAUGH, APRIL 27, 2007

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AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
- act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
- 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
- laws relating thereto, providing for an annual report on the
- 6 technology grant 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 Technology Grant Programs. --
- 13 (a) The Department of Education shall annually review the
- 14 operation of any State grant program designed to provide
- 15 enhanced technology, laptop computers and other state-of-the-art
- 16 resources to school entities in this Commonwealth and shall
- 17 <u>compile an annual report.</u>
- 18 (b) The annual report shall include the following
- 19 information for the fiscal year in which the report is issued:

- 1 (1) A listing of each school entity that received grant
- 2 <u>funds</u>, the amount of grant funds received and an identification
- 3 of whether the grant funds were used to establish, maintain or
- 4 expand any program related to enhanced technology, laptop
- 5 computers and other state-of-the-art resources.
- 6 (2) The criteria used to determine the eligibility of a
- 7 school entity to receive grant funds.
- 8 (3) The criteria used to determine the amount of grant funds
- 9 <u>a school entity received.</u>
- 10 (4) The process a school entity utilized to apply for grant
- 11 funds, including sample copies of any and all application forms,
- 12 <u>instructions and deadlines.</u>
- 13 (5) For each school entity that received grant funds, a
- 14 listing of the enhanced technology, laptop computers and other
- 15 <u>state-of-the-art resources purchased with the grant funds.</u>
- 16 (6) For each school entity that received grant funds, the
- 17 <u>number of students impacted by the enhanced technology</u>, <u>laptop</u>
- 18 computers and other state-of-the-art resources purchased with
- 19 the grant funds.
- 20 (7) A listing of any provider of enhanced technology, laptop
- 21 computers and other state-of-the-art resources with whom the
- 22 Department of Education or the Commonwealth holds a contract or
- 23 agreement where such contract or agreement is used to provide a
- 24 school entity that received grant funds with enhanced
- 25 technology, laptop computers and other state-of-the-art
- 26 <u>resources</u>.
- 27 (c) No later than June 30, 2007, and February 1 of each year
- 28 thereafter, the Department of Education shall submit the report
- 29 required under this section to the chairmen and minority
- 30 chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and the Education

- Committee of the Senate and to the chairmen and minority 1
- 2 <u>chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and of the Education</u>
- 3 Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall be
- 4 <u>included on the Department of Education's Internet website.</u>
- 5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.