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WAUGH, GREENLEAF AND BRUBAKER, APRIL 27, 2007

SENATOR RHOADES, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, MAY 1, 2007

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 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 compile an annual report.

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 funds, 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 a school entity received.

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

13 (5) For each school entity that received grant funds, a
14 listing of the enhanced technology, laptop computers and other
15 state-of-the-art resources purchased with the grant funds.

16 (6) For each school entity that received grant funds, the
17 number of students impacted by the enhanced technology, laptop
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 resources.

27 (8) AN ASSESSMENT OF ANY IMPACT THE PROGRAM HAS HAD ON
28 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS.

29 (c) No later than ~~June 30, 2007~~ FEBRUARY 1, 2008, and
30 February 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of Education

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1 shall submit the report required under this section to the
2 chairmen and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee
3 and the Education Committee of the Senate and to the chairmen
4 and minority chairmen of the Appropriations Committee and of the
5 Education Committee of the House of Representatives. The report
6 shall be included on the Department of Education's Internet
7 website.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.