

COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM

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AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION AND REFURBISHING OF DONATED COMPUTERS TO BE USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR A REFURBISHING FACILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR SECURITY PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR A PROGRESS REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

53A-1-707, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-1-707** is enacted to read:

53A-1-707. Pilot program for acquisition of computers -- Appropriation -- Administration of program -- Training and refurbishing facility -- Security procedures.

(1) (a) In order to enhance the educational technology initiative programs authorized under this chapter, there is established a pilot program for the acquisition and refurbishing of donated computers to be used in the state's public schools.

(b) (i) The Legislature shall provide an appropriation in Title 53A, Chapter 17a, Minimum School Program Act, for the pilot program to the State Board of Education for the purpose of acquiring repaired, refurbished, or upgraded donated computers for use in the state's public schools.

(ii) The board may use the appropriation to purchase parts and supplies required to repair,

refurbish, or upgrade the donated computers.

(c) (i) This pilot program is established to supplement and not supplant the technology programs authorized and funded pursuant to Sections 53A-1-701 and 53A-1-702.

(ii) In order for a school district to participate in the pilot program, it must first demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board a sustained effort to meet its existing technology needs by providing related support and training.

(2) (a) The State Board of Education and the Department of Corrections shall administer the program as provided under this section.

(b) The board and department may contract or work with nonprofit organizations to coordinate the overall program, particularly in the areas of obtaining donated computers and publicizing the program.

(c) Representatives from the board and department shall establish policies for the program, to include:

(i) the selection of schools to receive computers, which schools would pay to the Utah Correctional Industries \$100 per computer to cover the costs incurred under Subsection (4)(c)(ii);

(ii) standards for computers, including warranties; and

(iii) the solicitation of donated computers from the private sector.

(d) If the number of computers requested exceeds the number of computers available under the program, then the board's determination as to which applicants are given priority shall be based on a school district's efforts to secure computers in the previous fiscal year as compared to all other school districts.

(3) (a) The State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall conduct a survey of computer needs in the state's 40 school districts.

(b) The state superintendent shall complete the survey by July 15, 1998.

(4) (a) In conjunction with the survey, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Corrections, shall establish an applied technology training and recycling program to provide inmates with skills to refurbish computers in order to increase the number of quality computers in the state's public schools.

(b) The training and recycling program shall take place at a state correctional facility designated by the Department of Corrections.

(c) (i) As part of the program, the Utah Correctional Industries shall establish a computer refurbishing facility in industrial space made available at the designated correctional facility.

(ii) The Utah Correctional Industries is responsible for pickup and delivery of the computers and staffing of the refurbishing facility.

(d) An applied technology center or correctional educational program shall supply an electronics and computer repair curriculum for the program at the correctional facility.

(5) To ensure that inmates at the designated correctional facility do not have unauthorized access to the hardware and software components of the program, the Department of Corrections and the Utah Correctional Industries shall establish appropriate security policies and procedures.

(6) The State Board of Education and Department of Corrections shall closely monitor the pilot program and present a progress report to the Education Interim Committee prior to the 1999 General Session, together with recommendations for continuance, expansion, or termination of the program.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.