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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM
THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEFICIENCY CORRECTION FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-15A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
2005, Chapter 222, Section 2) is amended to read:

"22-15A-11. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEFICIENCIES--
CORRECTION.--

A. No later than September 1, 2005, the bureau,
with the advice of the council and the office of the chief
information officer, shall define and develop minimum
educational technology adequacy standards to supplement the
adequacy standards developed by the public school capital
outlay council for school districts to use to identify
outstanding serious deficiencies in educational technology
infrastructure.

B. A school district shall use the standards to
complete a self-assessment of the outstanding educational
technology deficiencies within the school district and
provide cost projections to correct the outstanding
deficiencies.

C. The bureau shall develop a methodology for
prioritizing projects that will correct the deficiencies.

D. After a public hearing and to the extent that

1 money is available in the educational technology deficiency
2 correction fund, the bureau shall approve allocations from
3 the fund on the established priority basis and, working with
4 the school district and pursuant to the Procurement Code,
5 enter into contracts to correct the deficiencies.

6 E. No allocation shall be made pursuant to this
7 section unless:

8 (1) the method for prioritizing projects
9 developed by the bureau has been reviewed and approved by the
10 council;

11 (2) the school district has agreed to
12 consult and coordinate with the public school facilities
13 authority before installing any educational technology
14 infrastructure;

15 (3) the council has approved the proposed
16 allocation; and

17 (4) for the 2009 and subsequent fiscal
18 years, the initial assessment required in the Technology for
19 Education Act has been verified by an independent third party
20 as determined in consultation with the public school capital
21 outlay council.

22 F. In entering into contracts to correct
23 deficiencies pursuant to this section, the bureau shall
24 include such terms and conditions as necessary to ensure that
25 the state money is expended in the most prudent manner

