

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 11.2, consisting of*
3 *sections numbered 22.1-175.6 through 22.1-175.9, relating to the Virginia Public School Educational*
4 *Technology Grants Program and Trust Fund.*

5 [H 2241]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
8 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 22.1 a chapter numbered 11.2,**
9 **consisting of sections numbered 22.1-175.6 through 22.1-175.9, as follows:**

10 CHAPTER 11.2.

11 VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY GRANTS PROGRAM
12 AND TRUST FUND.

13 § 22.1-175.6. Virginia Public School Educational Technology Grants Program established.

14 *With such funds as are appropriated for this purpose, the Virginia Public School Educational*
15 *Technology Grants Program, hereinafter referred to as "the Program," is hereby established to provide*
16 *grants to eligible school divisions for educational technology, including infrastructure, software, and*
17 *hardware acquisitions and replacement, and innovative programs to advance the effectiveness of*
18 *educational technology. The Program shall be administered by the Board of Education.*

19 § 22.1-175.7. Virginia Public School Educational Technology Trust Fund created.

20 *A. From such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants,*
21 *bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby created in the Department of*
22 *the Treasury a special nonreverting fund known as the Virginia Public School Educational Technology*
23 *Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the*
24 *Comptroller, and any moneys remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the*
25 *general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund and*
26 *be credited to it. Funds may be disbursed to any school division that is eligible for financial assistance*
27 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.*

28 *B. The State Treasurer shall manage the Virginia Public School Educational Technology Trust Fund,*
29 *subject to the authority of the Board of Education to provide for its disbursement. The Fund shall be*
30 *disbursed to award grants as provided in § 22.1-175.6.*

31 *C. The amount of such educational technology grants shall be matched by funds of the qualifying*
32 *school division based on the locality's composite index of ability to pay. In awarding such grants, the*
33 *Board shall take into consideration any other state or federal grants which may have been applied for*
34 *or awarded for the same projects. In addition, the Board shall assist local school divisions in applying*
35 *for such grants and shall seek to ensure that all divisions have equitable access, based on*
36 *superintendent's regions, to such funds as may be available.*

37 § 22.1-175.8. Board to issue guidelines.

38 *The Board shall issue guidelines for the administration of the Program as it may deem necessary*
39 *and appropriate. The guidelines shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions which address*
40 *compliance with other law or Board requirements for educational technology, the application for a*
41 *grant from the Fund, the innovations included in the proposal, and other criteria as established by the*
42 *Board.*

43 § 22.1-175.9. Funding.

44 *Grants pursuant to this chapter shall be awarded upon a determination of the Governor of the*
45 *appropriate funding source and amounts for the Fund established in § 22.1-175.7.*

46 *Funds appropriated for financial assistance for the purposes of this chapter shall be apportioned and*
47 *distributed among the school divisions of the Commonwealth in accordance with eligibility and needs*
48 *criteria to be established by the Board.*