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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1012, Revised
2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for
3 temporary funding for aggregation routing equipment and
4 network transport costs for Network Nebraska; to change
5 provisions relating to the School District Reorganization
6 Fund; and to repeal the original section.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 79-1012 The School District Reorganization Fund is
4 created. The fund shall be administered by the department. The fund
5 shall consist of money transferred from the Education Innovation
6 Fund and shall be used to provide payments to reorganized school
7 districts pursuant to section 79-1011 through June 30, 2008, and
8 to provide temporary funding for aggregation routing equipment and
9 network transport costs for Network Nebraska pursuant to section
10 2 of this act through June 30, 2010. Any money in excess of two
11 hundred thousand dollars remaining in the fund on July 1, 2008,
12 shall be transferred to the Education Innovation Fund on such date.
13 Any money remaining in the ~~fund~~ School District Reorganization
14 Fund on July 1, 2008, ~~2010,~~ shall be transferred to the ~~General~~
15 Education Innovation Fund on such date. Any money in the School
16 District Reorganization Fund available for investment shall be
17 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska
18 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

19 Sec. 2. (1) For fiscal years 2007-08 through 2009-10,
20 the State Department of Education shall provide temporary funding
21 for aggregation routing equipment and network transport costs
22 for Network Nebraska to the Chief Information Officer from the
23 School District Reorganization Fund as provided in this section.
24 Such temporary funding shall be for the purchase of aggregation
25 routing equipment, installation costs for such equipment, and

1 network transport for Network Nebraska and shall be repaid to the
2 Education Innovation Fund on or before June 30, 2010, by the Chief
3 Information Officer from funds collected for the administration of
4 Network Nebraska. The total temporary funding provided pursuant to
5 this section shall be limited to two hundred thousand dollars.
6 Applications jointly submitted by the Chief Information Officer and
7 the University of Nebraska shall be accepted by the department
8 beginning on the effective date of this act. Applications shall
9 be on a form specified by the department and shall include a
10 description of the aggregation routing equipment to be purchased,
11 a description of how the aggregation routing equipment will be
12 used for distance education, the network transport costs to be
13 supported, and a timeline for repayment to the School District
14 Reorganization Fund. Late repayments shall accrue interest at the
15 rate prescribed in section 45-104.02 from the date of the initial
16 receipt of temporary funding.

17 (2) The Chief Information Officer or the University of
18 Nebraska may appeal the denial of temporary funding for aggregation
19 routing equipment and network transport costs for Network Nebraska
20 or the assessment of interest to the State Board of Education. The
21 board shall allow a representative of the Chief Information Officer
22 or the University of Nebraska an opportunity to present information
23 concerning the appeal to the board at the first board meeting after
24 the filing of such appeal. If the board finds that the department
25 denied the temporary funding in error, the department shall pay the

1 Chief Information Officer from the School District Reorganization
2 Fund as soon as practical the amount which was denied in error. If
3 the board finds that the department erred in assessing interest,
4 such assessment of interest shall be corrected.

5 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate
6 rules and regulations to carry out this section.

7 Sec. 3. Original section 79-1012, Revised Statutes
8 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.