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### 3. Annual Meeting or School Board Resolution - Technical

Change: Delete requirement that a common school district at its annual meeting, or a unified school district or the Milwaukee Public Schools at a school board meeting, adopt a resolution requesting the block grants.

Rationale: Because the block grants are distributed to school districts based on both statutory and constitutional formulas, this requirement has been an unnecessary administrative hurdle for both school districts and TEACH staff. The collection and verification of the resolutions has depleted valuable staff time that could better be spent on assisting school districts or collecting data useful for performance-based budgeting.

Instruction: Delete s. 44.72(c), except last sentence.

### C. Subsidized Educational Technology Infrastructure Loans \_ O 2 4 9

### 1. Financial Assistance Loans and Grants - Technical

Change: Replace language relating to "subsidized loans" with "financial assistance," and characterize funding to school districts as a 50% loan and 50% grant of total eligible funding.

Rationale: Under the current program, school districts and libraries may chose a loan term of two to ten years to pay off their 50% portion of the loan. However, because the state will always finance its 50% of the loan over ten years, school districts and libraries are liable for the loan until the end of the full ten years, regardless of the loan term they chose. This change would allow school districts and libraries to fully pay off their 50% loan within their chosen term and not be liable for ten years because the other 50% of the financial assistance would be a grant and no longer a forgivable loan.

Instructions: See attached draft.

### 2. Continuing Program Revenue Debt Service Appropriation – Technical

Change: Amend appropriation s. 20.275 (1)(h) in the Chapter 20 schedule to be a continuing, rather than a sum sufficient, program revenue appropriation. This would be consistent with the treatment of the other program revenue debt service appropriation, 20.275(1)(hb), under TEACH Wisconsin.

## D. Educational Telecommunications Access Program - 0 3 5 0

### 1. Establish Program Under Chapter 44, Subchapter IV (TEACH Wisconsin) - Policy

Current: Under current law, the program is established under Wis. Stats. Chapter 196 (Public Service Commission) and authorizes the PSC to promulgate rules, report to the legislature and complete some administrative functions for the program. However, the appropriations and responsibility to operate the program rest with TEACH.

Change: Move the program from Chapter 196 to Chapter 44 (TEACH Wisconsin). Delete the requirement that the PSC promulgate rules for the educational telecommunications access program. Instead, require TEACH Wisconsin to administer the program following the statutory requirements established for the program. Delete all administrative functions delegated to the PSC, including reporting and documentation of contracts. Maintain the statutory requirements for administering the universal service fund with the PSC under Chapter 196, including assessing the necessary moneys to fund the telecommunications access program.

Rationale: Because the PSC does not administer the telecommunications access program, it has been administratively cumbersome to authorize the PSC to establish rules, report data and approve contracts for the program. The statutory authority for the program should reside with the agency that administers the program. Further, because TEACH Wisconsin is required to implement performance-based budgeting, it is crucial that TEACH be authorized to fully implement and administer the programs for which it will be ultimately held accountable.

Instructions: Make the necessary amendments to chapters 44 and 196 to reflect these changes.

### 2. Expand Authority to Pay Telecommunications Providers - Policy

Current: Under current law, TEACH may make payments on behalf of libraries and educational institutions for telecommunications services only to telecommunications providers under contracts with DOA.

Change: Permit TEACH Wisconsin to make payments to telecommunications providers under contracts with eligible institutions that have entered into such contracts following a competitive bidding process, in addition to those providers under contracts with DOA.

Rationale: This change would allow for greater competition for TEACH-supported services, as well as provide for programmatical flexibility for the libraries and educational institutions that are beneficiaries of TEACH. Additionally, this change could potentially provide TEACH Wisconsin cost savings which would enable TEACH to serve greater numbers of institutions.

Instructions: Make the necessary changes to Chapter 20 appropriation language.

#### 3. Additional Data Lines and Video Links for Cost Savings - Policy

Change: Permit TEACH Wisconsin to provide more than one data line or video link to an eligible institution if such an action would result in a cost savings to TEACH.

Rationale: In some instances, it is more cost effective to provide an institution several lower-capacity data lines, rather than one high-capacity data line or video link. Because under current law, TEACH may generally not provide more than one data line or video link, several institutions have requested a high-capacity data line, which provides greater bandwidth capacity than necessary, rather than requesting several lower-capacity data lines. Permitting TEACH the flexibility to provide several data lines would enable the program to be more cost effective, respond more directly to institution needs and serve greater numbers of institutions.

Instructions: Make necessary changes to s. 196.218(4r) (c)1.

#### 4. Appropriation Rearrangement - Technical

Current Law: There are three appropriations for the program: (a) public school districts, CESAs and technical colleges; (b) private colleges and public library boards; and (c) private K-12 schools. Change: Maintain three appropriations and current funding levels for each type of institution, but alter the arrangement as follows: (a) public school districts and CESAs; (b) technical colleges and public library boards; and (c) private colleges and private K-12 schools.

Rationale: Because the school district and CESA appropriation is included in the calculation of the state's commitment to funding two-thirds of partial school revenues, only public K-12 educational purposes should be funded through the appropriation. Public library boards and technical colleges are both public entities and can logically share an appropriation. Private colleges and K-12 schools are both private entities and can logically share an appropriation.

Instructions: Make the necessary changes to chapters 20 and 196 to reflect these appropriation changes.

# E. Wisconsin Advanced Telecommunications Foundation and TEACH Wisconsin - 035/

Change: Consolidate the administrative functions of the Wisconsin Advanced Telecommunications Foundation (WATF) under TEACH Wisconsin, as is currently provided under a memorandum of understanding between the WATF Chair and the TEACH Executive Director. Create a continuing program revenue (PR) appropriation under TEACH Wisconsin, entitled "Wisconsin Advanced Telecommunications Foundation and other activities." Funding for this appropriation would be generated from the WATF Foundation interest earnings. Provide 2.0 permanent PR positions and \$135,600 PR in 1999-2000, and \$149,700 PR in 2000-01. In order to fill one of the positions, TEACH Wisconsin would accrete into the state employment system the current WATF employe who is currently performing administrative and grants specialist duties. The position authority for the other position could be transferred from DOA to TEACH because, of the four positions authorized to DOA under 1997 Act 27 for TEACH-related activities, only three positions have been filled and are completing TEACH-related duties.

Rename Wis. Stats. Chapter 44, Subchapter IV to be "the Office of Technology for Educational Achievement in Wisconsin." Under the Office of TEACH Wisconsin, the TEACH Board would retain its current duties and programs. Establish that the administration of the duties and programs of the WATF Board would be completed by the Office of TEACH Wisconsin, under the direction of the TEACH Wisconsin Executive Director. Provide that the WATF Board would retain its current duties

and programs authorized under Wis. Stats. Chapter 14. Neither the TEACH Wisconsin Board nor the WATF Board would be authorized to make policies related to the other Board's programs or duties.

Rationale: This would consolidate several educational technology functions under one office, and would promote the sharing of resources, coordination of funding and efficient administration of programs and grants.

#### 44.72 EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAMS, GRANTS, AIDS AND LOANS

- (4) SUBSIDIZED SEDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCELOANS.
  - (a) <u>Financial assistanceSubsidized loans</u> authorized. The board may <u>providemake subsidized loans and grants</u> under this subsection to school districts from the proceeds of public debt contracted under s. 20.866 (2) (zc) and to public library boards from the proceeds of public debt contracted under s.20.866 (2) (zcm). <u>Loans and grants Subsidized loans</u> under this subsection may be used only for the purpose of upgrading the electrical wiring of school and library buildings in existence on the effective date of this paragraph... [revisor inserts date], and installing and upgrading computer network wiring.
  - (b) <u>Financial assistanceSubsidized loan</u> applications, terms and conditions. The board shall establish application procedures for, and the terms and conditions of, <u>financial assistancesubsidized loans</u> under this subsection. The terms may include provision of professional building construction services under s. 16.85 (15). <u>A school district or public library board shall receive a grant for 50% and a loan for 50% of the total eligible amount of financial assistance determined by the board under this subsection. The board shall determine the interest rate on these loans. The interest rate shall be as low as possible but shall be sufficient to fully pay all interest expenses incurred by the state <u>for funding loans</u> and to provide reserves that are reasonably expected to be required in the judgment of the board to ensure against losses arising from delinquency and default in the repayment of subsidized loans.</u>
  - (c) Repayment of subsidized loans. A school district's or public library board's total payments on a loan made under this subsection shall be equal to 50% of the total debt service on the loan, as determined by the board. A school district or public library board is not obligated to pay the remaining 50% of the debt service on the loan. The board shall credit all moneys received from school districts under this paragraph to the appropriation account under s. 20.275 (1) (h). The board shall credit all moneys received from public library boards under this paragraph to the appropriation account under s. 20.275 (1) (hb).
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