2001 SENATE BILL 244

September 20, 2001 – Introduced by Senator Erpenbach. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 44.72 (2) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** school district use of educational technology block grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the technology for educational achievement in Wisconsin (TEACH) board provides various types of assistance to educational agencies, including providing annual educational technology block grants to eligible school districts. A school district may use the block grants for any purpose related to educational technology, except that it may not use the grants to pay the salary or benefits of any school district employee.

Under this bill, in addition to using the block grants for the purpose specified under current law, an eligible school district may use the block grants for any purpose related to providing classrooms with access to telephone service, including wireless service. As under current law, the block grants may not be used to pay the salary or benefits of any school district employee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 44.72 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 44.72 (2) (d) A school district receiving a grant under par. (b) shall deposit the
- 5 moneys in a separate fund. The moneys may be used for any purpose related to

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- educational technology <u>or to providing classrooms with access to telephone service.</u>
- 2 <u>including wireless service</u>, except that a school district may not use the moneys to
- 3 pay the salary or benefits of any school district employee.
- 4 (END)