

A bill for an act
relating to education finance; creating a pilot program to provide interactive
whiteboard technology in school districts throughout the state; appropriating
money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD TECHNOLOGY PILOT
PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** Any school district or charter school may apply to
the Department of Education for schools to participate in the interactive whiteboard
technology pilot program as a pilot site. The Department of Education shall develop
criteria to evaluate school districts and charter schools that are most able to act as pilot
sites to demonstrate the educational advantages of interactive whiteboard technology.

Subd. 2. **Grants.** The Department of Education shall award grants to schools to
the interactive whiteboard technology pilot sites. Grants must be awarded to recipients
in amounts sufficient to ensure interactive whiteboard technology can be installed and
operated in every classroom at each pilot site. The Department of Education shall award
interactive whiteboard technology pilot sites to ensure an equal geographic representation
throughout the state.

Subd. 3. **Public-private funding.** The Department of Education shall develop a
process to receive private sector gifts and bequests on behalf of the interactive whiteboard
technology pilot program.

Subd. 4. **Evaluation.** The Department of Education must report to the education
committees of the Minnesota house of representatives and senate by January 15, 2009, on
the ability of the interactive whiteboard technology to advance student achievement.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Department.** The sum indicated in this section is appropriated from
2.3 the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year designated.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Interactive whiteboard technology.** For creating a grant program under
2.5 section 1 to provide interactive whiteboard technology in schools throughout the state.

2.6 \$ 10,000,000 2008

2.7 A school district that receives a grant under this appropriation must reserve ten
2.8 percent of its grant for staff development purposes.

2.9 This is a onetime appropriation.