



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 2783, an Act relating to and making appropriations to the education system, including the funding and operation of the Department for the Blind, Department of Education, State Board of Regents, Department of Workforce Development, and Iowa Special Education Council.

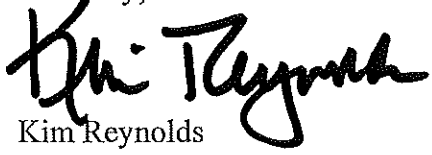
House File 2783 is approved this date with the following exception:

- Division II Section 2(33) is a provision, along with its associated funding that constitutes a clear and unmistakable earmark — drafted, designed, and lobbied for by a specific information technology and cybersecurity firm. The provision allocates one-time state funding to incentivize school districts to subscribe to ongoing cybersecurity services. What it does not disclose is the financial commitment that follows: once a district subscribes, it assumes recurring annual costs that will substantially and persistently exceed the limited one-time appropriation contained in this section. In effect, this earmark uses a modest sum of taxpayer dollars as an inducement to lock Iowa school districts into long-term vendor relationships — shifting the true cost of this arrangement onto local budgets for years to come, with no guarantee of continued state support to offset it.

Additionally, cybersecurity services of the type described in this provision are already accessible to every school district in Iowa through state-negotiated master agreements — contracts specifically designed to deliver quality services at discounted pricing, without directing public dollars to any single vendor. These agreements exist precisely so that districts can meet their technology and security needs efficiently and competitively, selecting the vendor that best serves their students and communities. Every school district in Iowa already has the tools and authority it needs to secure robust cybersecurity services — at favorable pricing, from the vendor of their choice.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove that part of House File 2783 as specified above, in accordance with Article III, Section 16, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. The remainder of House File 2783 is approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Kim Reynolds
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House