§ 1952. Technologies network ties program. 1. There is hereby established a model technologies network ties program to pilot innovative uses of technology for interactive instruction and administrative purposes, in order to determine the feasibility of developing a statewide technologies network ties program.

2. The commissioner shall develop a plan, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, for the allocation of such funds as may be made available for this program, including competitive grants to school districts and boards of cooperative educational services for interactive instruction. Such plan shall include a listing of the school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and library network systems selected to take part in the pilot program.

3. Objectives of the program shall include the development of a network consisting of a structure which will electronically link all participating agencies and allow for the transfer of administrative and instructional data between and among the participating sites. The commissioner, in consultation with appropriate consultants and representatives of participating districts and boards of cooperative educational services, will be responsible for determining the appropriate communication standards and protocols for the selection of hardware and software to be used in all facets of the project.

4. The commissioner shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.