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Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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FUNDS/FUNDING

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Dedicates certain Deepwater Horizon oil spill fines to provide public elementary and secondary schools with full wireless digital technology capabilities for the classroom. (7/1/14)

The proposed legislation creates the School Technology Improvement Account within the Academic Improvement Fund. The bill provides for the deposit of the first \$300 M from any monies received for violations associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April 2010. The monies in the fund shall be used exclusively to provide schools with full wireless digital capabilities through equipment purchases based on the Department of Education (DOE) Local Educational Authorities Technology Readiness Assessments. The bill creates the School Technology Steering Committee. The committee shall consist of 13 members who shall serve without compensation. The committee is charged with the development of a needs analysis and funding allocation plan. Monies appropriated will be distributed upon approval of the report and funding allocation plan by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent monies from the settlement have been awarded and are available for deposit, expenditures out of statutory dedications from the School Technology Improvement Fund will increase from FY 15 through FY 19. The increase is primarily the result of distribution of funds to local school systems for technology related purchases and installation in accordance with DOE assessments. According to the DOE's most recent "Technology Footprint" only 47 of the 69 districts meet minimum technology device standards, 58 of the 69 districts have adequate internet capacity and 66 of the 69 districts have adequate network infrastructure. There will also be increased expenses related to the School Technology Steering Committee meetings to develop a needs analysis and funding allocation plan. Related meeting expenses could increase for incidentals such as materials and supplies. Committee members serve without compensation, however, in the event any members receive per diem and travel reimbursements for attending meetings, expenditures will increase.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

State General Fund will decrease and Statutory Dedications will increase between FY 15 and FY 19 as a result of the deposit of monies received for violations associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Total deposits into the School Technology Improvement Account, which would otherwise be credited to the general fund, are capped at \$300 M. The impact for any given year is indeterminable as the payment amounts and schedules will be determined by the terms of any litigation settlement agreements.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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