

# Amendment: D11

Representative WHITMIRE proposes the following amendment:

## Department of Education-EIA

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~~1A.70. (SDE-EIA: Aid to Districts-Technology) Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Aid to Districts—Technology shall be distributed to the public school districts of the state, the special schools of the state and the South Carolina Public Charter School District, per pupil, based on the previous year's one hundred thirty five day average daily membership, according to the below calculations: (1) For a school district with a poverty index of less than 75: \$35 per ADM; (2) For a school district with a poverty index of at least 75 but no more than 85: \$50 per ADM; or (3) For a school district with a poverty index of greater than 85 or a special school with no defined poverty index: \$70 per ADM. Poverty will be defined as determined for the poverty add on weight in Proviso 1.3 of this Act.~~

~~—The Department of Education may adjust the per ADM rates for each of the three classes defined above in order to conform to actual levels of student attendance and available appropriations, provided that the per ADM rate for each class is adjusted by the same percentage.~~

~~—Funds distributed to a school district may only be used for the following purposes: (1) To improve external connections to schools, with a goal of reaching at least 100 kilobits per second, per student in each school by 2019; (2) To improve internal connections within schools, with a goal of reaching at least 1 megabit per second, per student in each school by 2019; or (3) To develop or expand one to one computing initiatives.~~

~~—A school district that has achieved each of the above goals may submit a plan to the K-12 Technology Committee for permission to expend its allocation on other technology related uses; such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and the K-12 Technology Committee must permit districts to appeal any process should a district not receive approval and must provide technical assistance to districts in developing plans should the district request such.~~

~~—Funds appropriated may not be used to supplant existing school district expenditures on technology. By June 30, 2019, each school district that receives funding during Fiscal Year 2018-19 must provide the K-12 Technology Committee with an itemized report on the amounts and uses of these funds, using a form developed by the Education Oversight Committee. In this report, a school district must provide information on its efforts to obtain reimbursements through the "E Rate" Schools and Libraries Program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company. Within its available resources, the K-12 Technology Committee shall support school districts' efforts to obtain these reimbursements.~~