

Amendment: PE 1

Representative **WHITMIRE** proposes the following amendment:

Section 1A-Department of Education-EIA

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1A.dlp. (SDE-EIA: Digital Learning Plan) From funds administered by the K-12 Technology Committee, the following study committee is created to develop a Digital Learning Plan for the state's K-12 public education system. The goal of the Digital Learning Plan is to build upon the existing technology foundation of public schools and develop a coherent long-term strategy that sets directions and priorities, supports innovation, and provides resources to enable educators and students to benefit fully from digital-age teaching and learning. The Digital Learning Plan must provide recommendations for State actions that will guide and support K-12 schools in their transitions to digital-age education. The Plan must be submitted to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019 and must address, at a minimum, the following issues for districts and schools: technology, infrastructure, and devices; human capacity; content instruction and assessment; security; regional and state support; policy and funding; local digital learning initiatives; and the use of alternative methods of instruction for scheduled make up time. The Digital Learning Plan must include timelines for implementation and cost projections beginning with the subsequent fiscal year. The study committee shall confer with other states and national experts on developing and implementing the Digital Learning Plan. The Education Oversight Committee shall be responsible for and have control over the construct and implementation of the pilot program for alternative methods of instruction for make-up days. Staff support shall be provided by the K-12 Technology Committee and agencies represented on the committee. The study committee shall be composed of the following members:

- 1. Executive Director of the Department of Administration, or his designee, who shall chair the study committee;*
- 2. State Superintendent of Education, or his designee;*
- 3. President of Educational Television Commission, or his designee;*
- 4. Director of the State Library, or his designee;*
- 5. Executive Director of the Education Oversight Committee, or his designee;*

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6. A representative of the private sector in the field of information technology appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; and

7. A representative of the private sector in the field of information technology appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;

8. One representative of an educator preparation program appointed by the State Board of Education;

9. One member of a local board of education who represents a local education agency that has successfully incorporated technology into its schools, who is appointed by the Education Oversight Committee;

10. One member of a local board of education who represents a local education agency that has limited access to technology, who is appointed by the Education Oversight Committee;

11. One parent of a public school child appointed by the Education Oversight Committee.

For the current fiscal year, the Education Oversight Committee shall select school districts around the state for a pilot program to utilize alternative methods of instruction with may include, but is not limited to, online or virtual instruction for scheduled make up time. All make up time must reflect the number of hours of the make-up days the instruction will cover. All make up time must meet state requirements for elementary and secondary school days. The Education Oversight Committee shall provide guidelines to the selected school districts no later than August 1, 2018. All districts shall continue to report to the Department of Education all days missed, reasons for the absences, days made up, and now the alternative method of instruction used. The Education Oversight Committee shall work with the Educational Television Commission (ETV) and the State Library to utilize and coordinate available ETV and State Library resources and explore alternative means of delivery to districts that may lack proper access to online instruction.

The school districts shall report the following information to the Education Oversight Committee by April 1, 2019: method(s) of implementation utilized, advantages and disadvantages of the method(s) used, and any feedback received from parents or guardians.

The Education Oversight shall report those findings to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 1, 2019.