

Amend CSHB 6 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 13, line 2, strike "and".

(2) On page 13, line 5, strike the period and substitute the following:

; and

(6) fund the technology lending grant program established under Section 32.201.

(3) On page 50, between lines 24 and 25, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION _____. Chapter 32, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM GRANTS

Sec. 32.201. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. (a) The commissioner may establish a grant program under which grants are awarded to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement a technology lending program to provide students access to equipment necessary to use electronic instructional materials.

(b) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school may apply to the commissioner to participate in the grant program. In awarding grants under this subchapter for each school year, the commissioner shall consider:

(1) the availability of existing equipment to students in the district or charter school; and

(2) other funding available to the district or charter school.

(c) The commissioner may determine the terms of a grant awarded under this section, including limits on the grant amount and approved uses of grant funds.

(d) The commissioner may recover funds not used in accordance with the terms of a grant from any state funds otherwise due to the school district or open-enrollment charter school.

Sec. 32.202. FUNDING. (a) The commissioner may set aside not more than 10 percent of the state instructional materials fund under Section 31.021 or a different amount determined by appropriation to administer a grant program established under this subchapter.

(b) The cost of administering a grant program under this

subchapter must be paid from funds set aside under Subsection (a).

Sec. 32.203. USE OF GRANT FUNDS. (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may use a grant awarded under Section 32.201 or other local funds to purchase, maintain, and insure equipment for a technology lending program.

(b) Equipment purchased by a school district or open-enrollment charter school with a grant awarded under Section 32.201 is the property of the district or charter school.

(4) On page 53, line 12, strike "and".

(5) On page 53, line 13, strike the period and substitute the following:

; and

(18) Subchapter H, Chapter 32.

(6) Following existing SECTION 66 of the bill, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION _____. Sections 2175.128(a-1) and (b-1), Government Code, are repealed.

(7) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.