

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 1483  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2017; March 20, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 12, 2017,  
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;  
 1-5 April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall			X	
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the Technology Lending Program to  
 1-22 provide grants to school districts and open-enrollment charter  
 1-23 schools.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Education Code, is amended by adding  
 1-26 Subchapter G to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER G. TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM GRANTS

1-28 Sec. 32.301. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. (a) The  
 1-29 commissioner may establish a grant program under which grants are  
 1-30 awarded to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to  
 1-31 implement a technology lending program to provide students access  
 1-32 to equipment necessary to access and use electronic instructional  
 1-33 materials.

1-34 (b) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school  
 1-35 may apply to the commissioner to participate in the grant program.  
 1-36 In awarding grants under this subchapter for each school year, the  
 1-37 commissioner shall consider:

1-38 (1) the availability of existing equipment to students  
 1-39 in the district or school;

1-40 (2) other funding available to the district or school;  
 1-41 and

1-42 (3) the district's or school's technology plan.

1-43 (c) The commissioner may determine the terms of a grant  
 1-44 awarded under this section, including limits on the grant amount  
 1-45 and approved uses of grant funds.

1-46 (d) The commissioner may recover funds not used in  
 1-47 accordance with the terms of a grant by withholding amounts from any  
 1-48 state funds otherwise due to the school district or open-enrollment  
 1-49 charter school.

1-50 Sec. 32.302. FUNDING. (a) The commissioner may use not  
 1-51 more than \$25 million from the state instructional materials fund  
 1-52 under Section 31.021 each state fiscal biennium or a different  
 1-53 amount determined by appropriation to administer a grant program  
 1-54 established under this subchapter.

1-55 (b) The cost of administering a grant program under this  
 1-56 subchapter must be paid from funds described by Subsection (a).

1-57 Sec. 32.303. USE OF GRANT FUNDS. (a) A school district or  
 1-58 open-enrollment charter school may use a grant awarded under  
 1-59 Section 32.301 or other local funds to purchase, maintain, and  
 1-60 insure equipment for a technology lending program.

1-61 (b) Equipment purchased by a school district or

2-1 open-enrollment charter school with a grant awarded under Section  
2-2 32.301 is the property of the district or school.

2-3 Sec. 32.304. REVIEW OF PROGRAM. Not later than January 1,  
2-4 2019, the commissioner shall review the grant program established  
2-5 under this subchapter and submit a report to the governor, the  
2-6 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
2-7 and the presiding officers of the standing committees in the senate  
2-8 and house primarily responsible for public education. This section  
2-9 expires September 1, 2019.

2-10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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