

Amend CSSB 1 as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered rider in Article III, Education following the appropriations for the Texas Education Agency:

_____. Out of the Title II, Part D (Education Technology) supplemental ARRA funds, the Texas Education Agency shall provide a competitive grant in the amount of \$15 million per year for the 2010-2011 biennium for school districts to fund online-delivered reading assessment and intervention programs using differentiated instruction for Pre-K through Grade 5. The reading assessment must be delivered online to the student at least eight (8) times per year and be part of an online-delivered research-based curriculum. The online assessment must deliver and report results immediately to the teacher, principal and school district and provide recommendations for intervention. The grant will be eligible for the assessment and intervention of all Texas students. Eligible assessments must be on the Commissioner of Education's approved list. Grant funds may also be used to replace aging or obsolete computers provided that the computer expense of the grant is no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of the grant.