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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to trust funds; creating the
Public School Technology Infrastructure Trust
Fund within the Department of Education;
providing for moneys in the trust fund to be
used to connect each classroom in the state's
public schools to the Internet; providing for
moneys in the trust fund to be available only
after a school district has exhausted all other
funds for technology provided by the
Legislature; requiring that the Department of
Education adopt rules; providing a contingent
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Public School Technology Infrastructure Trust Fund.--

(1) The Public School Technology Infrastructure Trust Fund is created within the Department of Education for the purpose of providing funds so that every classroom in each public school in the state may be connected to the Internet. Moneys from the trust fund shall be available to a school district only after the district has exhausted all other technology funds provided by the Legislature.

(2) The Department of Education shall establish by rule an application process and criteria for distributing moneys from the trust fund to school districts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at

1 | least a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of
2 | the Legislature.

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5 | SENATE SUMMARY

6 | Creates the Public School Technology Infrastructure Trust
7 | Fund within the Department of Education. Requires that
8 | moneys in the trust fund be used to connect classrooms in
9 | the state's public schools to the Internet. Limits the
10 | distribution of moneys from the trust fund until a school
11 | district has first used all other funds for technology
12 | provided by the Legislature. Requires that the Department
13 | of Education adopt rules by which school districts may
14 | qualify and apply for a distribution of moneys from the
15 | trust fund.

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