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Senator Hargrett moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 15, line 23, through page 19, line 27, delete those lines

and insert:

(2) Subject to legislative appropriation, there is created the Community High-Technology Investment Partnership (CHIP) program to assist distressed urban communities in securing computers for access by youths between the ages of 5 years and 18 years who reside in these communities. The program shall be administered by the Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University pursuant to a performance-based contract with the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State. The division shall develop performance measures, standards, and sanctions for the program. Performance measures must include, but are not limited to: the number of youth obtaining access to computers purchased under this program; the number of hours computers are made available to youth; and the number

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1 of hours spent by youth on computers purchased under this
2 program for educational purposes. The administrative costs for
3 administration of this program cannot exceed 10 percent of the
4 amount appropriated to the division for the program.

5 (3)(a) Under this program, neighborhood facilities,
6 through their governing bodies, may apply to the institute for
7 grants to purchase computers that will be available for use by
8 eligible youths who reside in the immediate vicinity of the
9 neighborhood facility. For purposes of this program, eligible
10 neighborhood facilities include, but are not limited to,
11 facilities operated by:

12 1. Units of local government, including school
13 districts;

14 2. Nonprofit, faith-based organizations, including
15 neighborhood churches;

16 3. Nonprofit civic associations or homeowners'
17 associations; and

18 4. Nonprofit organizations, the missions of which
19 include improving conditions for residents of distressed urban
20 communities.

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22 To be eligible for funding under this program, a nonprofit
23 organization or association must hold a current exemption from
24 federal taxation under s. 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal
25 Revenue Code.

26 (b) Notwithstanding the eligibility of the
27 organizations identified in paragraph (a), the institute shall
28 give priority consideration for funding under this program to
29 applications submitted by neighborhood churches or by
30 neighborhood-based, nonprofit organizations that have as a
31 principal part of their missions the improvement of conditions

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1 for residents of the same neighborhoods in which the
2 organizations are located. The institute also shall give
3 priority consideration to organizations that demonstrate that
4 they have not been awarded community enhancement or similar
5 community support grants from state or local government on a
6 regular basis in the past. The institute shall develop
7 weighted criteria to be used in evaluating applications from
8 such churches or organizations. Funding under this section
9 shall not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

10 (4) The institute shall develop guidelines governing
11 the administration of this program and shall establish
12 criteria to be used in evaluating an application for funding.
13 At a minimum, the institute must find that:

14 (a) The neighborhood that is to be served by the grant
15 suffers from general economic distress;

16 (b) Eligible youths who reside in the vicinity of the
17 neighborhood facility have difficulty obtaining access to a
18 library or schools that have sufficient computers; and

19 (c) The neighborhood facility has developed a detailed
20 plan, as required under subsection (5), for:

21 1. Providing youths who reside in the vicinity of the
22 facility with access to any computer purchased with grant
23 funds, including evening and weekend access when libraries and
24 schools are closed; and

25 2. Promoting the maximum participation of neighborhood
26 youths in use of any computers purchased with grant funds.

27 (5) As part of an application for funding, the
28 neighborhood facility must submit a plan that demonstrates:

29 (a) The manner in which eligible youths who reside in
30 the immediate vicinity of the facility will be provided with
31 access to any computer purchased with grant funds, including

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1 access during hours when libraries and schools are closed;

2 (b) The existence of safeguards to ensure that any
3 computer purchased with grant funds is reserved for the
4 educational use of eligible youths who reside in the immediate
5 vicinity of the facility and is not used to support the
6 business operations of the neighborhood facility or its
7 governing body; and

8 (c) The existence, in the neighborhood facility, of
9 telecommunications infrastructure necessary to guarantee
10 access to the Internet through any computer purchased with
11 grant funds.

12 (6) To the maximum extent possible, funding shall be
13 awarded under this program in a manner designed to ensure the
14 participation of distressed urban communities from regions
15 throughout the state.

16 (7) The maximum amount of a grant which may be awarded
17 to any single neighborhood facility under this program is
18 \$25,000.

19 (8) Before the institute may allocate funds for a
20 grant under this program, the institute and the eligible
21 neighborhood facility must execute a grant agreement that
22 governs the terms and conditions of the grant.

23 (9) The institute, based upon guidance from the State
24 Technology Office and the state's Chief Information Officer,
25 shall establish minimum requirements governing the
26 specifications and capabilities of any computers purchased
27 with funds awarded under this grant program.

28 (10) Before the 2002 Regular Session of the
29 Legislature, the institute shall evaluate the outcomes of this
30 program and report the results of the evaluation to the
31 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

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1 House of Representatives. At a minimum, the evaluation must
 2 assess the extent to which the program has improved access to
 3 computers for youths who reside in distressed urban
 4 communities. As part of this report, the institute shall
 5 identify any impediments to the effective implementation and
 6 utilization of the program and shall make recommendations on
 7 methods to eliminate any such impediments. In addition, the
 8 institute shall make recommendations as to whether it would be
 9 sound public policy to continue the program; whether the
 10 program should be expanded to address additional target
 11 populations, including, but not limited to, youths in
 12 distressed rural communities and adults in distressed urban or
 13 rural communities; and whether the list of neighborhood
 14 facilities eligible to participate in the program should be
 15 revised or whether priority consideration for funding should
 16 be revised to emphasize a particular type of neighborhood
 17 facility. The report required under this subsection must be
 18 submitted by January 1, 2002.

19 (11) The institute may subcontract with the
 20 Information

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 2, lines 1-16, delete those lines

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27 and insert:

28 purposes of the program; providing for program
 29 administration pursuant to a performance-based
 30 contract; providing for performance measures;
 31 providing for grants to be awarded to eligible

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1 neighborhood facilities; providing requirements
2 for grant applications; prescribing the maximum
3 amount of a grant; requiring a grant agreement
4 between the institute and the recipient
5 facility; providing for establishing minimum
6 specifications of computers purchased under the
7 program; providing for an evaluation and a
8 report; authorizing the
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