

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to providing discounted computers to low-  
 3           income students; creating a program for this purpose;  
 4           providing eligibility requirements for receiving a  
 5           discounted price on a computer; requiring the Department  
 6           of Education to negotiate terms with a computer  
 7           manufacturer; requiring the department to adopt rules,  
 8           including rules relating to providing technical training  
 9           to the students; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Program to provide discounted computers to low-  
 14 income students.--

15           (1) There is created a program to provide qualifying low-  
 16 income students with computers at a discounted price.

17           (2) A student who attends a public school in this state,  
 18 who is in a grade level from grade 5 through grade 12, and who  
 19 is currently on the free lunch program is eligible to receive a  
 20 computer at a discounted price.

21           (3) The Department of Education shall negotiate with a  
 22 computer manufacturer concerning:

23           (a) The price of a discounted computer and whether  
 24 computer accessories such as a printer or scanner will be  
 25 offered to the students at reduced prices.

26           (b) A specialized software package, including, but not  
 27 limited to:

28           1. A word processor;

29        2. Internet access; and

30        3. An operating system.

31        (c) The type of warranty that is to be provided to the  
 32 students and whether an extended warranty will be available to  
 33 the students and under what terms.

34        (4) The Department of Education shall adopt rules  
 35 concerning:

36        (a) How to integrate into this program the provision of  
 37 computer or technical training to students in their respective  
 38 school districts.

39        (b) The distribution of eligibility-verification  
 40 certificates to the students, the locations at which discounted  
 41 computers are available, and how to obtain and pay for the  
 42 equipment covered by this program.

43        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.