## Florida Senate - 2006

 $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$  the Committee on Education Appropriations; and Senators Wilson and Crist

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to discounted computers and
3	Internet access for students; creating a
4	program to offer discounted computers and
5	Internet access to public school students in
б	grades 5 through 12; authorizing the Department
7	of Education to negotiate terms with computer
8	manufacturers or nonprofit corporations;
9	requiring the department to negotiate terms
10	with broadband Internet access providers;
11	requiring the State Board of Education to adopt
12	rules, including rules for provision of
13	technical training to students; requiring the
14	Digital Divide Council to implement a pilot
15	project to assist low-income students with
16	purchasing discounted computers and Internet
17	access services; requiring the council to
18	identify eligibility criteria for participation
19	in the pilot project; providing for funding and
20	authorizing the council to accept grants to
21	implement the pilot project; providing an
22	effective date.
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24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26	Section 1. <u>Discounted computers and Internet access</u>
27	for students
28	(1) There is created a program to offer computers and
29	Internet access at a discounted price to students enrolled in
30	grades 5 through 12 in a public school in the state.
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1	(2) The Department of Education may negotiate with
2	computer manufacturers or nonprofit corporations that obtain
3	reconditioned computer hardware concerning:
4	(a) The prices of discounted computers and whether
5	computer accessories such as printers or scanners will be
б	offered to the students at reduced prices.
7	(b) Specialized software and hardware packages,
8	including, but not limited to:
9	1. A word processor;
10	2. Software and hardware necessary to enable broadband
11	Internet access; and
12	3. An operating system.
13	(c) The type of warranty that is to be provided to the
14	students and whether an extended warranty will be available to
15	the students and under what terms.
16	(3) The Department of Education shall negotiate with
17	broadband Internet access providers concerning the prices of
18	discounted broadband Internet access packages. In areas in
19	which broadband Internet access is not currently available,
20	the department shall negotiate with non-broadband Internet
21	access providers.
22	(4) The State Board of Education, in conjunction with
23	the Digital Divide Council, shall adopt rules concerning:
24	(a) How to integrate into this program the provision
25	of computer or technical training to students in their
26	respective school districts.
27	(b) How parents and students may be notified of the
28	discounted computer and Internet access choices available.
29	(c) The distribution of eligibility certificates to
30	the students, the locations at which discounted computers and
31	Internet access services are available for purchase, and how
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1 students may obtain and pay for the equipment and services 2 covered by this program. 3 Section 2. Discounted computers and Internet access 4 for low-income students; pilot project .--5 (1) The Digital Divide Council, in consultation with б the Department of Education, shall implement a pilot project 7 to assist low-income students to purchase discounted computers 8 and Internet access services as negotiated by the department. The council shall identify counties, grade levels, and 9 10 low-income eligibility criteria for participation in the pilot 11 project. 12 (2) The pilot project shall be funded in an amount to 13 be determined in the General Appropriations Act. The Digital Divide Council may accept grants from additional public and 14 private sources to implement the pilot project. 15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 16 17 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 19 Senate Bill 502 20 21 The committee substitute makes a technical change that the State Board of Education rather than the Department of 22 Education shall make rules for the program. 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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