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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative(s) Flores offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 318 and 319 insert:

5 Section 8. The Department of Education shall implement and
6 manage the Innovative Teaching for the 21st Century (IT-21)
7 Program as an integrated, statewide system to deliver technology
8 solutions to teachers. The department shall:

9 (1) Implement the program to provide education technology
10 solutions, including applicable services for eligible teacher
11 participants.

12 (2) Define the policies and procedures to improve teacher
13 technology proficiency and ensure maximum teacher utilization of
14 available education technology solutions, including applicable
15 services.

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17 (3) Determine the school district or districts and/or
18 intradistrict or multidistrict programmatic segments in which
19 the IT-21 Program will be established based on criteria
20 developed by the department.

21 (4) Determine eligible education technology solutions and
22 applicable services. Options may include notebook computers,
23 digital projectors, interactive whiteboards, other peripheral
24 equipment, instructional devices, and protective cases. Services
25 shall include delivery, installation, technical support, and
26 maintenance and shall also include appropriate professional
27 development for teachers and administrators. Eligible computers
28 must contain appropriate hardware and software for improving
29 instruction and may provide efficient operations for Sunshine
30 Connections. Products purchased shall employ a solution for data
31 protection and asset recovery.

32 (5) Conduct competitive procurement for all eligible
33 education technology solutions and applicable services.
34 Contracts resulting from the competitive procurement process
35 shall delineate the timeframe for the delivery of goods and
36 services to the eligible districts. Contracts may include
37 district-specific or programmatic-specific specifications. The
38 department may enter into multiple contracts for the delivery of
39 goods and services to enable teachers to choose the solution and
40 providers that best meets their needs.

41 (6) Establish appropriate reporting regarding the
42 delivery, asset management, services, and customer satisfaction.

43 (7) Ensure that contracts will include development of an
44 online marketplace and information exchange for districts to

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45 select, procure, and receive direct delivery of district-
46 approved technology products and services and for districts to
47 receive required information regarding district purchases.

48 (8) Develop a long-term plan to ensure the financial
49 accountability of the program and report to the Legislature
50 quarterly on program implementation.

51 Section 9. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the
52 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for the
53 2007-2008 fiscal year for the purposes of implementing the
54 Innovative Teaching for the 21st Century Program.

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56 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

57 Between line(s) 30 and 31 insert:

58 requiring the Department of Education to implement and manage
59 the Innovative Teaching for the 21st Century Program; providing
60 program requirements and department responsibilities; providing
61 an appropriation;