

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to use of federal funding to support  
 3           online learning; requiring the Department of Education  
 4           to publish a report on its website by a specified  
 5           date; providing requirements for the report; requiring  
 6           the department, in consultation with the Office of  
 7           Broadband, to make certain recommendations; providing  
 8           an effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. (1) By November 1, 2021, the Department of  
 13 Education shall publish, on its website, a report which must  
 14 include, at a minimum:

15           (a) The amount of federal relief funding and other  
 16 funding, by source, used by each school district in the 2019-  
 17 2020 and 2020-2021 school years to provide:

18           1. Students with Internet access and devices suitable for  
 19 online learning and instructional continuity pursuant to  
 20 Department of Education emergency orders and federal relief  
 21 funding plans.

22           2. Learning management systems and other platform-based  
 23 supports for in-person and online learning and related  
 24 professional development.

25           (b) The amount of unexpended federal relief funding,

26 | including as a percentage of total received, by source.

27 | (c) The estimated number and percentage of students who do  
28 | not have Internet access or devices suitable for online  
29 | learning, by district.

30 | (d) Details of state and local initiatives to provide  
31 | students with Internet access or devices suitable for online  
32 | learning.

33 | (e) Barriers identified by school districts to providing  
34 | students with Internet access or devices suitable for online  
35 | learning.

36 | (2) As part of its report, the department shall identify  
37 | programming, initiatives, and strategies that were effective in  
38 | providing Internet access and devices to students and supporting  
39 | innovative instructional practices. The report must include  
40 | recommendations, in consultation with the Office of Broadband,  
41 | for appropriating remaining federal relief funding to close the  
42 | digital divide for students without Internet access or devices  
43 | suitable for online learning, consistent with best practices and  
44 | according to geographical need.

45 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.