

ADMINISTRATION -- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Funding for TEACH Program and Library Aids
[LFB Paper #115, Substitute Alternative]

Motion:

Move to adopt Alternative 2 with the following modification to funding that would have been provided under the bill to instead: (a) provide \$6.0 million SEG in 2017-18 to the Department of Administration's (DOA) appropriation for telecommunications access for educational agencies, infrastructure grants, and teacher training grants; and (b) provide \$500,000 SEG in 2017-18 and \$1.0 million SEG in 2018-19 on a one-time basis to the Universal Service Fund (USF) appropriation for aid to public library systems.

Note:

The motion would adopt the Governor's recommendations to consolidate five technology for educational achievement (TEACH) appropriations into one appropriation; provide a one-time transfer of \$7.5 million FED from DOA's e-rate appropriation to the USF in 2017-18; extend the information technology (IT) infrastructure grant program to July 1, 2019; change the amount a district could receive for IT infrastructure grants in 2017-18; and specify that IT infrastructure includes devices that create a mobile hotspot and that grant funding could be used for purchasing and installing such devices on buses, and purchasing such devices for individuals to borrow from schools.

Additionally, the motion would: specify that eligibility for IT infrastructure grants be 16 pupils per square mile or less in both years of the biennium (compared to 13 pupils per square mile under current law); provide increased expenditure authority of \$6.0 million SEG to the TEACH appropriation in 2017-18; and provide \$500,000 SEG in 2017-18 and \$1.0 million SEG in 2018-19 on a one-time basis to the USF appropriation for aid to public library systems.

[Change to Base: \$7,500,000 SEG and \$7,500,000 SEG-REV]

[Change to Bill: \$0 SEG and \$0 SEG-REV]

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