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Representative **Whitmire** proposes the following amendment:

Department of Education

Amend

1.69. (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance) Of the funds appropriated *in VIII.D - Technology* for the K-12 Technology Initiative, the department is authorized to withhold up to \$350,000 in order to ~~develop a statewide technology plan for schools and districts. The plan must address, at a minimum, infrastructure and connectivity needs, online testing requirements, equipment, educational technology, digital literacy and a statewide learning management system to connect teachers and students. The plan must take into account the need for some districts to utilize a regional approach to services that may include, but is not limited to, purchasing, training and support services. This plan, including cost projections, shall be presented to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by February 1, 2020. Remaining funds shall be used to~~ provide technology technical assistance to school districts.