

Amend CSSB 422 (house committee report) in Article 1 of the bill by inserting the following new section, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent sections of Article 1 of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 1.__. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.030 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.030. REVIEW OF STATE- AND FEDERALLY-FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS. (a) The agency shall conduct a review of state- and federally-funded grant programs and incentives designed to improve student academic performance and shall actively determine the full extent to which funds awarded under those programs may be used to enhance or expand the use of technology in public schools. For purposes of removing barriers to and encouraging the use of technology in public schools, the commissioner may, as appropriate, issue a waiver to one or more schools.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2006, the agency shall submit a report regarding the findings of the review conducted under this section to the legislature. The report must include a summary of promising practices for current grant programs that leverage technology. This section expires January 15, 2007.