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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article  
2 III of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas  
3 Education Agency, by adding the following appropriately numbered  
4 rider to read as follows:

5 \_\_\_\_\_. Report on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of  
6 Electronic Instructional Materials. (a) Out of funds appropriated  
7 above, the commissioner of education shall study and report on the  
8 efficiency and effectiveness of electronic instructional  
9 materials. The study must:

10 (1) consider the impact of demographics, geography,  
11 home internet access, and campus technical capabilities on the  
12 effectiveness and value of electronic instructional materials;

13 (2) determine which electronic instructional  
14 materials align better with different scenarios common to Texas  
15 school districts; and

16 (3) examine:

17 (A) licensing, including the timing of purchase,  
18 charging for unused accounts, bundling, and availability of login  
19 access during the term of a state contract for electronic  
20 instructional materials;

21 (B) improving quality control reports, including  
22 a more detailed analysis of when, where, and for how much time  
23 students and teachers access various electronic instructional  
24 materials; and

25 (C) current terms of use offered by publishing  
26 entities and whether the terms require that a refund or credit be  
27 established if a license is not used.

28 (b) In conducting the study, the commissioner of education  
29 shall consult with representatives from:

- 1 (1) the State Board of Education;
- 2 (2) school technology personnel;
- 3 (3) a large publishing firm;
- 4 (4) a publishing firm operating less than five years;
- 5 (5) school instructional materials coordinators; and
- 6 (6) school curriculum departments.

7 (c) The report prepared by the commissioner of education  
8 must provide metric and qualitative indicators of the educational  
9 value of electronic instructional materials that assist  
10 policymakers and school districts in having the tools and training  
11 to distinguish between vendors and the effectiveness of products.

12 (d) The commissioner of education shall submit the report  
13 required by this section not later than October 1, 2018, and post  
14 the report on the Texas Education Agency's internet website. The  
15 commissioner shall send notice of the posting electronically and  
16 provide the final report to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
17 the speaker of the house of representatives, the Legislative Budget  
18 Board, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the  
19 legislature with jurisdiction over public education.