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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 617
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 3, after “(B)” insert “(1)”; after line 8, insert:

“(2) SPECIFICATIONS USED IN ALL GRANTS AND PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS FOR DIGITAL TOOLS SHALL GIVE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION TO THE PEDAGOGICAL VALUE OF THE DIGITAL TOOLS.”;

strike beginning with “This” in line 9 down through “(2)” in line 11; and in lines 15 and 26, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively.

On page 4, in lines 3 and 7, strike “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute, “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively; in line 15, after “shall” insert “, FROM AMONG DIGITAL TOOLS THAT OFFER PEDAGOGICAL VALUE,”; in line 20, after “SELECT” insert “, FROM AMONG THE AVAILABLE PRODUCTS THAT OFFER PEDAGOGICAL VALUE,”; in line 24, after “If” insert “A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM DETERMINES THAT”; and strike beginning with “ALLOW” in line 33 down through “FUNCTIONALITY.” in line 35 and substitute “DETERMINE HOW TO PROCEED.”

(III) IF, AFTER THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THERE IS AN AVAILABLE PRODUCT THAT MEETS THE EQUIVALENT ACCESS STANDARD, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL OBTAIN THAT PRODUCT.

(IV) IF, AFTER THE CONSULTATION PROCESS, THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NO AVAILABLE PRODUCT THAT MEETS THE EQUIVALENT ACCESS STANDARDS, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY,

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WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, OBTAIN A PRODUCT THAT DOES NOT MEET THE EQUIVALENT ACCESS STANDARDS BUT PROVIDES THE BEST EQUIVALENT FUNCTIONALITY."