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A BILL

To enact section 3318.39 of the Revised Code to
require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to
establish a program assisting school districts
in purchasing technology and making physical
alterations to improve technology infrastructure
and school safety and security.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3318.39 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3318.39. (A) The Ohio school facilities commission
shall establish a program under which, beginning on July 1,
2017, school districts that have not yet received assistance
under the classroom facilities assistance program may apply for
and receive state funds to use for technology and physical
alterations to improve technology infrastructure or school
safety and security.

The commission shall adopt guidelines and procedures for
the administration of the program. The guidelines shall include
the following:

(1) A requirement that, in order to participate in the 19
program, the district's board of education must approve 20
participation by an affirmative vote of not less than four- 21
fifths of the board's full membership. 22

(2) The application process for districts and the process 23
by which the commission annually shall select districts for 24
assistance under the program; 25

(3) The method for determining the amount of funding 26
awards under the program, including any requirements relating to 27
the state's portion and the district's portion of the basic 28
project cost, if applicable; 29

(4) A requirement that the commission shall award funding 30
to a participating district under this section prior to that 31
district becoming eligible for assistance under the classroom 32
facilities assistance program, based on the annual percentile 33
rankings under section 3318.011 of the Revised Code. 34

(B) If a district participates in the program established 35
under this section, that district shall no longer be eligible 36
for participation in the classroom facilities assistance 37
program. 38

(C) As used in this section, the "classroom facilities 39
assistance program" means the program authorized under sections 40
3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code. 41