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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2781

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2781 by replacing
3 line 14 on page 3 through line 22 on page 4 with the following:

4 "(a) The State Board of Education shall establish and
5 maintain, for implementation in selected school districts
6 during the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years, a
7 pilot program for use of electronic-learning (e-learning)
8 days, as described in this Section. The State Superintendent of
9 Education shall select up to 3 school districts for this
10 program, at least one of which may be an elementary or unit
11 school district. The use of e-learning days may not begin until
12 the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year, and the pilot
13 program shall conclude with the end of the 2017-2018 school
14 year. On or before June 1, 2019, the State Board shall report
15 its recommendation for expansion, revision, or discontinuation
16 of the program to the Governor and General Assembly.

17 (b) The school board of a school district selected by the
18 State Superintendent of Education under subsection (a) of this

1 Section may, by resolution, adopt a research-based program or
2 research-based programs for e-learning days district-wide that
3 shall permit student instruction to be received electronically
4 while students are not physically present in lieu of the
5 district's scheduled emergency days as required by Section
6 10-19 of this Code. The research-based program or programs may
7 not exceed the minimum number of emergency days in the approved
8 school calendar and must be submitted to the State
9 Superintendent for approval on or before September 1st annually
10 to ensure access for all students. The State Superintendent
11 shall approve programs that ensure that the specific needs of
12 all students are met, including special education students and
13 English learners, and that all mandates are still met using the
14 proposed research-based program. The e-learning program may
15 utilize the Internet, telephones, texts, chat rooms, or other
16 similar means of electronic communication for instruction and
17 interaction between teachers and students that meet the needs
18 of all learners."