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12) FLORIDA DIGITAL CLASSROOMS ALLOCATION.—

(a) The Florida digital classrooms allocation is created to support the efforts of school districts and schools, including charter schools, to integrate technology in classroom teaching and learning to ensure students have access to high-quality electronic and digital instructional materials and resources, and empower classroom teachers to help their students succeed. Each school district shall receive a minimum digital classrooms allocation in the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. The remaining balance of the digital classrooms allocation shall be allocated based on each school district's proportionate share of the state's total unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment.

(b) Funds allocated under this subsection must be used for costs associated with:

1. Acquiring and maintaining the items on the eligible services list authorized by the Universal Service Administrative Company for the Schools and Libraries Program, more commonly referred to as the federal E-rate program.
2. Acquiring computer and device hardware and associated operating system software that comply with the requirements of s. 1001.20(4)(a)1.b.
3. Providing professional development, including in-state conference attendance or online coursework, to enhance the use of technology for digital instructional strategies.

Eligible Services List

- Category 1
 - Data Transmission Services and Internet Access, and Voice Services
- Category 2
 - Internal Connections, Managed Internal Broadband Services, and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

(4) The Department of Education shall establish the following offices within the Office of the Commissioner of Education which shall coordinate their activities with all other divisions and offices:

(a) *Office of Technology and Information Services.*—

1. Responsible for developing a 5-year strategic plan for establishing Florida digital classrooms by October 1, 2014, and annually updating the plan by January 1 each year thereafter. The Florida digital classrooms plan shall be provided to each school district and published on the department's website. The plan must:

a. Describe how technology will be integrated into classroom teaching and learning to assist the state in improving student performance outcomes and enable all students in Florida to be digital learners with access to digital tools and resources.

b. Identify minimum technology requirements that include specifications for hardware, software, devices, networking, security, and bandwidth capacity and guidelines for the ratio of students per device.

c. Establish minimum requirements for professional development opportunities and training to assist district instructional personnel and staff with the integration of technology into classroom teaching.

d. Identify the types of digital tools and resources that can assist district instructional personnel and staff in the management, assessment, and monitoring of student learning and performance.