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**Senator Gardner**

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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