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The bill specifies that the Educational Technology Bureau in the SDE may use funds from the Education Technology Fund to purchase software technology and other educational technology for the purposes of leasing this equipment and software to accredited private schools.

The bill also specifies that the annual amount expended on educational technology leased to an accredited private school shall not exceed the amount that the accredited private school would have received as a school district. This language equates “accredited private school” to a public school district pursuant to Section 22-15A-9 NMSA 1978 which outlines the distribution of this fund to public schools.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 890 does not contain an appropriation.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

SDE staff would be required to determine the technology needs of the accredited private school community and monitor use of the technology per the agreement.

### **CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

According to SDE, Section 22-15A-10 NMSA 1978 requires that school districts file an annual report with the SDE regarding distributions received, expenditures made, and educational technology obtained by the district and such other related information as may be required by the SDE. House bill 890 does not address the requirement that an annual report by the private schools be reviewed by the Department.

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