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Minor Policy and Technical Change -- School District Data and Video Line Connection Fees (DOA -- General Agency Provisions)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Administration (DOA) is required under s. 16.85(15) of the statutes to assess fees for professional engineering, architecture, project management and other building construction services on behalf of school districts for the installation or maintenance of electrical and computer network wiring. These fees are currently credited to DOA's services to nonstate governmental units appropriation [s. 20.505(1)(im)].

GOVERNOR

Delete the requirement that fees paid to the Department by school districts for wiring district facilities with data lines and video links be credited to services to nongovernmental units PR appropriation account.

MODIFICATION

Restore the requirement that fees paid to the Department by school districts for wiring district facilities with data lines and video links be credited to the services to nongovernmental units PR appropriation. Authorize the expenditure from this services to nongovernmental units appropriation of the amounts necessary to reimburse DOA's capital planning and building construction appropriation [s. 20.505(1)(kc)] and revise the latter appropriation too permit the crediting of such reimbursement amounts.

Explanation: In the absence of a designated appropriation to which these school district fees would be paid, they would most likely be credited to DOA's capital planning and building construction appropriation. However, current accounting conventions do not permit the direct crediting of such fee payments to a PR-service type appropriation. The modification establishes a mechanism to receive and transfer the fees between the expenditure accounts.

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