

**OFFICE OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 16, 2020**

**OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES**

08. Information: Report on Legislative Action related to the MDE Digital Learning Plan [Goals 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: On July 1, 2020, the Mississippi State Legislature passed the "Equity in Distance Learning Act." The intent of the act is "to provide funding for devices and other technology, including technology related to connectivity and online access, sufficient for students, teachers, and administrators and other staff to engage in grade appropriate distance learning aligned with the state's College and Career Readiness Standards, and provide funding for safe classroom or remote instruction; and to provide funding for technical support and professional development to facilitate distance learning and safe classroom or remote instruction."

OTSS will outline the Equity in Distance Learning Act, MDE's adjustments to its Digital Learning Plan, and next steps for MDE and districts across Mississippi.

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This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Back-up Material: None