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H.B. No. 12

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the selection and purchase of certain textbooks by a
3 school district or open-enrollment charter school and to a program
4 to study the use of credits for textbooks.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 31.101, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

8 (e) If a school district or open-enrollment charter school
9 purchases a textbook for a particular subject that is in the
10 advanced placement or international baccalaureate curriculum or
11 for which dual high school and college credit is offered and that
12 does not have an adopted textbook list, the state shall pay to the
13 district or school:

14 (1) if there is a similar subject and grade level for
15 which the board has adopted a textbook, the lesser of the limit on
16 cost set by the board for the adopted textbook under Section 31.025
17 or the amount the district or school paid for the adopted textbook,
18 multiplied by the number of textbooks the district or school needs
19 for the advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or dual
20 credit course; or

21 (2) if there is no similar subject and grade level for
22 which the board has adopted a textbook, the actual cost of the
23 textbook, multiplied by the number of textbooks the district or
24 school needs for the advanced placement, international

1 baccalaureate, or dual credit course.

2 (f) The State Board of Education may adopt rules as
3 necessary for the administration of this section.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 31.1011(a), (d), and (e), Education
5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The commissioner shall implement a program to study the
7 use of credits for textbooks. The program shall be designed to
8 allow a participating school district or open-enrollment charter
9 school to receive credit for textbooks purchased at a cost below the
10 cost limit established under Section 31.025(a). The commissioner
11 shall allow any school district or open-enrollment charter school
12 to participate in the program.

13 (d) The commissioner shall prepare a report relating to the
14 use of the textbook credit system and deliver the report to the 80th
15 ~~[79th]~~ Legislature.

16 (e) This section expires September 1, 2007 ~~[2005]~~.

17 SECTION 3. Section 31.103(c), Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (c) In making a requisition under this section, a school
20 district or open-enrollment charter school may requisition
21 textbooks on the conforming or nonconforming list, including
22 college-level textbooks, for grades above the grade level in which
23 a student is enrolled, except that the total quantity of textbooks
24 requisitioned under this section may not exceed the limit
25 prescribed by Subsection (b).

26 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 3 of this Act apply beginning with
27 the 2004-2005 school year.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
6 legislative session.