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H.B. No. 173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of electronic textbooks in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 31.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.004. ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS REQUIRED. (a) At least 95 percent of the textbooks in use in public schools and purchased with money from the state textbook fund must be electronic textbooks.

(b) This section does not apply to textbooks purchased under Section 31.028.

(c) Subsection (a) applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Not later than the 2005-2006 school year, at least 50 percent of the textbooks in use in public schools and purchased with money from the state textbook fund must be electronic textbooks.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.