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H.B. No. 451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the selection and purchase of certain textbooks by a
3 school district or open-enrollment charter school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 SECTION 2. Section 31.103(c), Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (c) In making a requisition under this section, a school
6 district or open-enrollment charter school may requisition
7 textbooks on the conforming or nonconforming list, including
8 college-level textbooks, for grades above the grade level in which
9 a student is enrolled, except that the total quantity of textbooks
10 requisitioned under this section may not exceed the limit
11 prescribed by Subsection (b).

12 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
13 school year.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.