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H.B. No. 1917

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to adoption of textbooks by the State Board of Education and to selection of textbooks by school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.024, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) By majority vote, the board shall determine whether a textbook submitted for placement on a conforming or nonconforming list complies with Section 28.002(h) and shall reject under Subsection (a)(2) a textbook that does not comply with Section 28.002(h) and with this chapter.

SECTION 2. Sections 31.101(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Each year, during a period established by the State Board of Education, the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each open-enrollment charter school shall, ~~+~~

~~[(1) for a subject in the foundation curriculum, notify the State Board of Education of the textbooks selected by the board of trustees or governing body for the following school year from among the textbooks on the appropriate conforming or nonconforming list, or~~

~~[(2)]~~ for a subject in the foundation or enrichment curriculum:

1 (1) [~~(A)~~] notify the State Board of Education of each
2 textbook selected by the board of trustees or governing body for the
3 following school year from among the textbooks on the appropriate
4 conforming or nonconforming list; or

5 (2) [~~(B)~~] notify the State Board of Education that the
6 board of trustees or governing body has selected a textbook that is
7 not on the conforming or nonconforming list.

8 (b) If a school district or open-enrollment charter school
9 selects a textbook for a particular subject [~~in the enrichment~~
10 ~~curriculum~~] and grade level that is not on the conforming or
11 nonconforming list, the state shall pay to the district or school an
12 amount equal to the lesser of:

13 (1) [~~70 percent of~~] the cost to the district of the
14 textbook, multiplied by the number of textbooks the district or
15 school needs for that subject and grade level; or

16 (2) [~~70 percent of~~] the limitation established under
17 Section 31.025 for a textbook for that subject and grade level,
18 multiplied by the number of textbooks the district or school needs
19 for that subject and grade level.

20 SECTION 3. This Act applies to textbooks selected for each
21 school year beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

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