

By: Nixon

H.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to appropriations for textbooks.

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

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that textbooks for the 2005-06 school year be delivered timely to classrooms for the start of school. Recognizing that many schools begin classes in early or mid-August, time is of the essence in ensuring teachers and students have the resources they need to comply with state laws that require schools to teach the state's required curriculum. Notwithstanding H.B. No. 1, Acts of the 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2005, or any other law, the Texas Education Agency shall expedite the process for timely delivery of such textbooks to classrooms upon passage of this Act, and funding in that bill for textbooks is not contingent upon passage of any other legislation.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions in H.B. No. 1, Acts of the 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2005, relating to funding for the provision of textbooks refer to an appropriation of \$295 million for Proclamation 2002 textbooks for the 2005-06 school year.

SECTION 3. 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

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1 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2 legislative session.