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S.B. No. 253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of juvenile justice alternative
3 education programs for free textbooks for use in the programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.001, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 31.001. FREE TEXTBOOKS. (a) Textbooks selected for
8 use in the public schools shall be furnished without cost to the
9 students attending those schools.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
11 juvenile justice alternative education program operating under
12 Section 37.011 is entitled to receive textbooks for student use
13 without cost as if the program were a school district or
14 open-enrollment charter school. The State Board of Education, in
15 coordination with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, shall
16 adopt rules as necessary to administer this subsection.

17 SECTION 2. (a) In accordance with Subsection (b), Section
18 31.001, Education Code, as added by this Act, and rules adopted by
19 the State Board of Education in coordination with the Texas
20 Juvenile Probation Commission, beginning with the 2005-2006 school
21 year, textbooks shall be furnished without cost to juvenile justice
22 alternative education programs.

23 (b) The State Board of Education, in coordination with the
24 Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, shall adopt rules as required

1 by Subsection (b), Section 31.001, Education Code, as added by this
2 Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.