

1-1 By: West, Harris S.B. No. 253  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2005; February 3, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 21, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 21, 2005,  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 253 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the eligibility of juvenile justice alternative  
1-11 education programs for free textbooks for use in the programs.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 31.001, Education Code, is amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 31.001. FREE TEXTBOOKS. (a) Textbooks selected for  
1-16 use in the public schools shall be furnished without cost to the  
1-17 students attending those schools.

1-18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a  
1-19 juvenile justice alternative education program operating under  
1-20 Section 37.011 is entitled to receive textbooks for student use  
1-21 without cost as if the program were a school district or  
1-22 open-enrollment charter school. The State Board of Education, in  
1-23 coordination with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, shall  
1-24 adopt rules as necessary to administer this subsection.

1-25 SECTION 2. (a) In accordance with Subsection (b), Section  
1-26 31.001, Education Code, as added by this Act, and rules adopted by  
1-27 the State Board of Education in coordination with the Texas  
1-28 Juvenile Probation Commission, beginning with the 2005-2006 school  
1-29 year, textbooks shall be furnished without cost to juvenile justice  
1-30 alternative education programs.

1-31 (b) The State Board of Education, in coordination with the  
1-32 Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, shall adopt rules as required  
1-33 by Subsection (b), Section 31.001, Education Code, as added by this  
1-34 Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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