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H.B. No. 3509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate redistribution
3 of surplus textbooks owned by the State of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "task force" means the
6 surplus textbook redistribution task force created under Section 2
7 of this Act.

8 SECTION 2. SURPLUS TEXTBOOK REDISTRIBUTION TASK FORCE. (a)
9 the Commissioner of Education shall select members of the surplus
10 textbook redistribution task force to represent the following
11 entities and interest groups from applicants recommended by the
12 following entities and interest groups:

13 (1) Texas Education Agency Division of Instructional
14 Materials and Educational Technology;

15 (2) State Auditors Office;

16 (3) the State Department of Information Resources;

17 (4) business officers of school districts and
18 open-enrollment charter schools;

19 (5) textbook publishers;

20 (6) educational material depositories; and

21 (7) professional organizations representing textbook
22 coordinators for school districts or open enrollment charter
23 schools.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner's

1 designee is the presiding officer of the task force.

2 SECTION 3. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall
3 review, evaluate, and recommend methods for efficient
4 redistribution of surplus instructional materials among school
5 districts and open enrollment schools, including:

6 (a) determining best management practices to meet the goal
7 of maximizing use of surplus textbooks as a method to reduce the
8 state's cost for textbooks while speeding delivery of instructional
9 materials to students;

10 (b) evaluating benefits of creation of a central textbook
11 surplus redistribution center or regional centers;

12 (c) identifying changes in law or regulations to facilitate
13 the goal expressed in subsection (a).

14 SECTION 4. ASSISTANCE OF STATE AGENCIES. The task force may
15 request the assistance of state agencies, departments, or offices
16 to carry out its duties, including necessary staff support.

17 SECTION 5. PUBLIC MEETINGS. The task force may hold public
18 meetings as needed to fulfill its duties under this Act.

19 SECTION 6. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2008, the task
20 force shall make a final report to the lieutenant governor, the
21 speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature
22 evaluating the issues described in Section 3 of this Act.

23 SECTION 7. EXPIRATION OF ACT AND ABOLITION OF TASK FORCE.
24 This Act expires and the task force is abolished on January 1, 2009.

25 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.