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H.B. No. 1332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to responsibility for public school textbooks and
3 technological equipment and to failure by students to return
4 textbooks or technological equipment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 31.104(d), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (d) Each student, or the student's parent or guardian, is
9 responsible for each textbook, including an electronic textbook,
10 and all technological equipment not returned by the student. A
11 student who fails to return all textbooks, including electronic
12 textbooks, and technological equipment forfeits the right to free
13 textbooks, including electronic textbooks, and technological
14 equipment until each textbook, including an electronic textbook,
15 and all technological equipment previously issued but not returned
16 is paid for by the student, parent, or guardian. As provided by
17 policy of the board of trustees or governing body, a school district
18 or open-enrollment charter school may waive or reduce the payment
19 requirement if the student is from a low-income family. The
20 district or school shall allow the student to use textbooks,
21 including electronic textbooks, and technological equipment at
22 school during each school day. If a textbook, including an
23 electronic textbook, or technological equipment is not returned or
24 paid for, the district or school may withhold the student's

1 records. A district or school may not, under this subsection,
2 prevent a student from graduating, participating in a graduation
3 ceremony, or receiving a diploma.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
5 school year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.