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H.B. No. 3771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the adoption and permanent student ownership of  
3 low-cost mathematics and science instructional material.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.023, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) The State Board of Education may adopt a list of  
8 mathematics and science instructional material that may be offered  
9 to school districts at a low cost. The board may adopt rules for the  
10 review and adoption of instructional material under this  
11 subsection. Sections 31.022, 31.0221, 31.026, and 31.027 do not  
12 apply to instructional material adopted under this subsection.

13 SECTION 2. Section 31.102(a), Education Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Section 31.104(i), each [~~Each~~]  
16 instructional material purchased as provided by this chapter for a  
17 school district or an open-enrollment charter school is the  
18 property of the district or school.

19 SECTION 3. Section 31.104, Education Code, is amended by  
20 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (i) to read as  
21 follows:

22 (c) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (g) and  
23 (i), a student must return all instructional materials to the  
24 teacher at the end of the school year or when the student withdraws

1 from school.

2 (i) At the end of the school year, instructional material  
3 adopted by the State Board of Education under Section 31.023(c) and  
4 purchased by a school district or open-enrollment charter school as  
5 a low-cost mathematics or science instructional material becomes  
6 the property of the student to whom it was distributed. A school  
7 district or open-enrollment charter school may not charge a fee  
8 under this subsection.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.