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H.B. No. 341

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring certain textbook publishers to offer
3 electronic textbooks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 51.456 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.456. ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS REQUIRED. (a) Not later
8 than January 1, 2022, a textbook publisher who offers textbooks for
9 sale at a college bookstore shall, to the extent practicable, make
10 the textbooks available for sale wholly or partly in an electronic
11 format. The electronic version of any textbook must contain the
12 same content as the printed version and may be copy-protected.

13 (b) This section does not authorize any use of a textbook or
14 other instructional materials that would constitute an
15 infringement of copyright under the Copyright Act of 1976 (17
16 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.).

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.