

On page III-8 of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, amend Rider 8, Instructional Materials and Technology, as follows:

8. Instructional Materials and Technology. Except as explicitly allowed elsewhere in this Act, any amount expended pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 31.021, including expenditures for instructional materials administration, shall be paid out of the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund appropriated for that purpose. A transfer of funds from the Available School Fund to the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund is authorized in an amount which, together with other revenues of the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund, is sufficient to finance the sum-certain appropriation from the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund for each fiscal year. Penalties assessed by the State Board of Education shall be deposited to the credit of the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund.

In accordance with Texas Education Code Sections 31.0211 and 31.0214, the commissioner shall allocate the funds available in the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund to school districts and charter schools for each student enrolled in the district or charter school on a date during the preceding year specified by the commissioner and shall adjust the technology and instructional materials allotment of school districts and charter schools experiencing high enrollment growth according to rules adopted by the commissioner. It is the intent of the legislature that, based on the results of an analysis conducted under Section 31.082, Education Code, as it pertains to the quality of instructional materials submitted by publishers, the commissioner may neither limit a school district's instructional materials and technology purchases nor may the commissioner prescribe required materials that a school district must adopt.

It is the intent of the legislature that for any state fiscal biennium, the State Board of Education issue proclamations for instructional materials in which the total projected cost of instructional materials under the proclamations does not exceed 75 percent of the total technology and instructional materials allotment under Section 31.0211, Education Code, for the most recent biennium for which the allotment has been determined.

It is the intent of the legislature that the State Board of Education consider the cost of all instructional materials and technology requirements when determining the disbursement of money to the Available School Fund and the amount of that disbursement that will be used, in accordance with Section 43.001(d), Education Code, to fund the technology and instructional materials allotment under Section 31.0211, Education Code.

From funds appropriated from the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund, the commissioner may set aside an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the 2020-21 biennium for the continued support and delivery of online college readiness materials in English language arts and reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, \$1,101,430,204 from the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund is allocated in the 2020-21 biennium for instructional materials and technology.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, an amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 in federal funds in the 2020-21 biennium is allocated for the purchase of Braille, large-type, and related materials for students with special needs.

The commissioner shall provide juvenile justice alternative education programs with instructional materials necessary to support classroom instruction in those programs. The cost of the instructional materials shall be funded with Technology and Instructional Materials funds appropriated to the agency for the 2020-21 biennium.

Revenue from fees collected under the authority of Texas Education Code Section 31.0221 pertaining to the mid-cycle review and adoption of textbooks are hereby appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of administering the mid-cycle review and adoption process.

The Texas Education Agency is hereby appropriated any balances held in the Technology and Instructional Materials Fund on August 31, 2019, for use in fiscal year 2020 for the same purposes.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2020, are hereby

appropriated for fiscal year 2021 for the same purposes.