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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to purchases made by a school district and open-enrollment charter school using the instructional materials and technology allotment.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 31.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (5) to read as follows:

(5)  “Bundle” means one or more instructional materials, as defined by this chapter, that are sold together for one price.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 31, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 31.0216 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0216.  BUNDLING OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school entitled to an allotment under Section 31.0211 (a), Education Code shall not purchase instructional materials or technology from a publisher or vendor that bundles instructional materials.

(b)  It is an exception to the application of this section if a school district or open-enrollment charter school deems that the bundling of instructional materials or technology from a publisher or vendor is beneficial.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.