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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to instructional materials for K-12 public education; authorizing the Department of Education to conduct a pilot program; authorizing a pilot program within specified counties to enable selected school districts to realize cost savings in the purchase of used instructional materials; imposing requirements on the vendors of such materials; absolving the state from responsibility for certain financial losses; requiring the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement to report to the Legislature; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 1006.37,
Florida Statutes, the Department of Education may conduct a
pilot program to enable selected school districts to realize
cost savings without loss of quality or availability for
individual students in the purchase of used instructional
materials. The school districts of Hernando County, Pasco
County, and Polk County may participate in the pilot program.
Charter schools in such school districts shall be eligible to
participate in the pilot program. When a secondhand book dealer
or other third-party book vendor provides used adopted
instructional materials to a school district, the dealer or
vendor must certify the availability of the used instructional
materials, provide the International Standard Book Number of



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each of the used instructional materials, and certify that such materials are not samples or first printings, are the most currently adopted, Florida-specific instructional materials, and conform to the Sunshine State Standards. The state is not responsible for financial loss caused by the school district's deviating from the requirements of s. 1006.37, Florida Statutes. The Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for consideration during the 2004 Regular Session a report of the cost savings to school districts based on results of the pilot program. This section is repealed July 1, 2006.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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