

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Fasano and Dockery

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to instructional materials for  
3           K-12 public education; authorizing a pilot  
4           program within specified counties to enable  
5           selected school districts to realize cost  
6           savings in the purchase of used instructional  
7           materials; imposing requirements on the vendors  
8           of such materials; absolving the state from  
9           responsibility for certain financial losses;  
10          requiring the Department of Education to report  
11          to the Legislature; providing for future  
12          repeal; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. The Department of Education may conduct a  
17 pilot program to enable selected school districts to realize  
18 cost savings without loss of quality or availability for  
19 individual students in the purchase of used instructional  
20 materials. The school districts of Hernando County, Pasco  
21 County, and Polk County may participate in the pilot program.  
22 Charter schools in each school district are eligible to  
23 participate. For purposes of the pilot program, the  
24 Department of Education may waive the requirements of section  
25 1006.37, Florida Statutes, relating to the requisition of  
26 instructional materials from publisher depositories. When a  
27 secondhand book dealer or other third-party book vendor  
28 provides used adopted instructional materials to a school  
29 district, the dealer or vendor must certify the availability  
30 of the used instructional materials, provide the International  
31 Standard Book Number of each of the used instructional

1 materials, and certify that the used instructional materials  
2 are the most currently adopted, Florida-specific instructional  
3 materials and conform to the Sunshine State Standards. This  
4 state is not responsible for financial loss caused by the  
5 school district's deviating from the requirements of section  
6 1006.37, Florida Statutes. The Department of Education shall  
7 submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives for consideration during the 2004  
9 Regular Session a report of the cost savings to school  
10 districts based on results of the pilot program. This section  
11 is repealed July 1, 2006.

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

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14 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
16 SB 716

17 Provides that the pilot program's purpose is to realize a cost  
18 savings when purchasing instructional materials without a loss  
of quality or the availability of materials to students.

19 Eliminates Hillsborough County as a pilot program and adds  
20 Polk County.

21 Allows, rather than requires, school districts to participate  
in the pilot program.

22 Requires a secondhand book dealer or a third-party book vendor  
23 who provides used materials to a school district to certify  
specific information about the materials.

24 Provides that the state is not responsible for a financial  
25 loss resulting from the use of a waiver.

26 Provides for the repeal of the pilot program on July 1, 2006.

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