By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Education; and Senators Fasano and Dockery

302-1971-03

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to instructional materials for

K-12 public education; authorizing the Council

for Education Policy Research and Improvement

to conduct 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 a report to the Legislature;

providing for future repeal; providing an

effective date.

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

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Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1006.37, Florida Statutes, the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement 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 each school district are eligible to participate. 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 each of the used instructional materials, and certify that the used instructional materials are not samples

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     or first printings and are the most currently adopted,
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      Florida-specific instructional materials and conform to the
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      Sunshine State Standards. This state is not responsible for
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      financial loss caused by the school district's deviating from
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      the requirements of section 1006.37, Florida Statutes. The
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      Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement shall
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      submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
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      Regular Session a report of the cost savings to school
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      districts based on results of the pilot program. This section
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      is repealed July 1, 2006.
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                Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.
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                 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR CS for Senate Bill 716
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     The CS for the CS directs the completion of the pilot project by the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement instead of the Department of Education. It provides an exception to the procurement of instructional materials specified in s. 1006.37 to correct an invalid delegation of legislative powers, and provides that the procured materials not be samples or first printings.
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